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**Thomson
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**TODD
DUE
BACK**

BY NEIL JAMESON

DEREK TODD back in time as part of a full-strength Newcastle to meet Sydney Croatia at Adamstown on Saturday?

That's the hot prospect in Newcastle this week as Rosebud fans look forward to welcoming back their star striker from England and two other key players from the injury list.

While Newcastle were confident of finalising Todd's immigration papers this week, Simon Brandt and John McQuarrie are likely starters for what will be their first competition match this season.

The dual absence of Brandt and Todd, both strikers, has been particularly costly as Newcastle have been creating plenty of chances but have lacked the finishing punch usually provided by specialist finishers.

McQuarrie's ball-winning skills are vital to Newcastle's midfield effort and his return to training was a real bonus for coach Willie Gallagher.



□ FRANK FARINA

automatic one-match suspension.

Thomson will have to check on the fitness of captain Murray Barnes, who injured his back in a clash with Apia Leichhardt goalkeeper Bob Catlin.

SYDNEY CITY coach Eddie Thomson criticised the dismissal of Tony Morsello and Frank Farina after yesterday's Apia Leichhardt - Sydney City match at Lambert Park.

Morsello (Apia) and Farina (Sydney City) were shown the red card by referee Gary Power in the 29th minute for alleged serious foul play as Sydney City won 4-0.

"He (the referee) should have just got the two players to-

gether and settled them down," Thomson said.

The two strikers were involved in a midfield battle for possession when Morsello appeared to grab Farina's shirt.

After the ball had been played, both

players swung an arm at each other, and Power quickly intervened with the red card.

He later dismissed Apia sweeper Arno Bertogna for alleged persistent misconduct after having al-

ready been cautioned.

Five other players, Apia defenders Frank Casaccia, Mark Brown and Ian Rowden and Sydney City's John Kosmina and Murray Barnes, were also booked.

"I think he gave away the yellow card too cheaply to start with," Thomson said.

BY BRAD EARL

"You can get over these things without the book," he concluded.

Meanwhile, Thomson will put Graeme Fletcher into the starting line-up for Sydney City's NSL Cup tie against Melbourne club Green Gully on Wednesday night.

Fletcher, a young striker, has been kept out of the first team by Farina, John Kosmina and Grant Lee, but he gets his chance to impress due to Farina's auto-



□ FERENC PUSKAS was a big hit in the St George - Pan Hellenic Old Boys match at St George Stadium yesterday. Here, Puskas shields the ball with his famous left leg from the lurking Hector Martinez, as Con Genaris (No 9) moves in to shut down the Hungarian master. (MORE PHOTOS, STORY P7.)



□ NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD's Derek Todd goes flying after a tackle by St George's Mark Barton. Todd could be back for next weekend's NSL match.



RASKO'S WINNER

**HOARE
THE
HERO
FOR
DEMONS**

Blacktown.....1
Monaro.....0

BLACKTOWN CITY put their first points of the season on the board with a close 1-0 victory over Inter Monaro at the Gabbie Stadium.

Demons keeper Barry Hoare played a large part in their success with a brilliant display.

Monaro took the field with their transfer-listed striker Walter Valeri playing up-front, but their other target-man Baz Giampaolo was out injured.

BY GEORGE STREETER

Monaro attacked early on when Chris Thamnidis sent a through-ball to the alert Tony Brennan who gave a short pass to Valeri but his fierce shot was well held by Hoare.

Demons winger Phil O'Connor, who was playing his 200th game in the NSL, had a particularly good first half and combined well with the wily little Scot John Bradley.

In the 14th minute Bradley crossed a good ball to the far post but the Demons lanky striker John Larkin headed over the Monaro bar.

Midway through the first half, a bad pass by Brett Thornthwaite almost brought a goal for Monaro when stopper John Santolin sent a long ball through for Billy Willox to run onto, but his shot scraped the Demons bar.

Blacktown scored the solitary goal in the 32nd minute when O'Connor sent over a perfect cross from the right for Larkin to head in.

Six minutes later, Hoare was again called on to make another top save from a Brennan snapshot from the edge of the box.

Early in the second half Larkin intercepted a faulty backpass, moved down to the byline and his cross to O'Connor was knocked on to Bradley: his clever chip over the keeper's head went inches wide.

Late in the game Hoare was yet again in action with saves from Brennan and Willox.

A useful win for Blacktown but there were many bad passes and missed chances.

Man of the match: BARRY HOARE for a great goalkeeping show.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Skellern, Rasmussen, Wheatley, Bourke, Selva, Knight (Hormazabal 70), Thornthwaite, Bradley, Larkin, O'Connor.

MONARO: Hocking, Walsh, Titilas, Santolin, Budini, Carbone, Thamnidis (Francis 65), Ambrosino, Brennan, Valeri, Willox.

REFEREE: A. Owens.
CROWD: 862.

St George.....0 Sydney Olympic1

ALTHOUGH it's still nine months away, it was a bit like New Year's Eve at St George Stadium yesterday when Sydney Olympic downed St George 1-0 in a hard-fought tussle.

Midway through the afternoon, the old year was rung out and the new year rung in!

The old year being of course the exhibition game between the elderly stars of yesteryear of Saints and Pan Hellenic and the new year being the young lions of today in the colours of Sydney Olympic and Saints.

On hand to play the part of "Old Father Time" was none other than the old maestro himself Ferenc Puskas.

Not being one to dwell on the past, for me the young lions stole the show with players such as Peter Raskopoulos, Marshall Soper, Peter Katholos, Chris Kalantzis, Alex Lampropoulos, Andy Koczka, David Ratcliffe, David Skeen and Robbie Slater, to name a few, providing the excitement.

The deciding goal was scored by Peter Raskopoulos following a long throw from Gary Phillips.

With all the time in the world, Rasko controlled the ball with his chest and hit a beautiful right foot volley past Saints Soccerroo goalkeeper Terry Greedy who had no chance.

Rasko was back to his brilliant best, a man destined to captain Australia in the not too distant future.

Both teams had chances to put the ball into the net but failed narrowly through hitting the woodwork or some good goalkeeping by Terry Greedy and Gary

BY TOM ANDERSON

Meier.

Olympic played their usual entertaining game and are just as good a side as they were last year, despite a few experienced players missing.

Saints on the other hand put it all together well — except around goal where they badly need somebody to stick the ball away.

One feature of this match that must not be ignored was the brilliant form of two young defenders — Saints' Koczka and Olympic's Lampropoulos.

If national Youth coach Jim Shoulder is going to take Australia's strongest team to the World Youth Championship Finals in Russia in August, Lampropoulos and Koczka must be included.

Man of the match: the brilliant PETER RASKOPOULOS controlled the midfield in fine style and showed the guile of a great player to lose the close-marking John O'Shea in the first minute to score the goal that won the match.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Koczka; Stone (Ricoy 63), Barton, J. O'Shea; Slater, Cotton, Marton (Petkovski 52).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Johnston, Lampropoulos, Ziras, Jennings; Phillips, Raskopoulos, Katholos; Soper (Polias 80), Theodorakopoulos, Kalantzis.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.
CROWD: 6,561.

□ PETER RASKOPOULOS celebrates his winning goal against St George yesterday.

CORNER COUNT NO ADVANTAGE

Marconi.....2 Newcastle2

AN overwhelming 14-2 advantage in corner-kicks went Marconi's way but they had to depend upon ball-watching in the Newcastle Rosebud defence to salvage a 2-2 draw.

Their equalising goal turned up three minutes from time when Rod Brown found heaps of space in a crossfield run and built up confidence for an angled shot past Clint Gosling.

Earlier Brown had not been all that impressive apart from a

BY KEITH GILMOUR

well-judged header on to Mark Jankovics which enabled Mar-

coni to chalk up its first goal.

His confidence suddenly was sky-high and the drama came when he headed on to the crossbar in the final minute of play.

The ball went straight up into the air but Gosling recovered balance in the nick of time to gain possession on his own goal-line before the Marconi hoards could attempt to knock in a winner.

There was an early sensation when Marconi fielded Alex McPherson in goal in place of Bruce James, who had been ruled out due to a knee injury.

McPherson's transfer had been arranged with Parramatta Melita within the previous 24 hours at a \$500 transfer fee.

McPherson was his usual decisive self, although he was involved when Malcolm McClelland scored Newcastle's first goal in the 72nd minute.

He could not get sighted and the ball flew out for McClelland to score with a neat left footer.

Marconi exerted strong pressure throughout the first half as Peter Tredinick took corner after corner from either side which the bunched-up Marconi strikers could not handle.

In the second half Newcastle spread the ball wide to the wings.

Mark Jankovics, who surged forward rather than sticking with the more defensive role assigned to him in a bid to smother Joe Senkalski, headed home for

the first goal.

McClelland scored for Newcastle and soon afterwards Brett Fawkes set up Dean Milosevic who goaled with a fine volley.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug said he is hoping to have Ian Gray on the job next week.

Man of the match: Marconi left midfielder PETER TREDINICK for an all-round display, a feature of which was his well-placed corners from either side.

MARCONI: McPherson, Carter, Rizzotto, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Driene (Sharne 64), Lowe, Brown, Jankovics, Tredinick.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Meier, Owens, Boogaard, M. Jones, Kerby, Senkalski, D. Jones, Milosevic, Naumov (Fawkes 64), McClelland.

REFEREE: T. Davies.
CROWD: 1,411.



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All the NSL action — Northern Division

GO GO GOMEZ!

Leichhardt0 Sydney City4

GERRY GOMEZ gave Apia Leichhardt goalkeeper Bob Catlin a torrid time as Sydney City cruised to a 4-0 win at Lambert Park yesterday.

Gomez scored two goals, beating Catlin to the ball at free-kicks on both occasions.

And the Socceroo candidate went close to picking up a hat-trick — from right-back!

Sydney City's first three goals were all scored after Apia conceded free-kicks, twice for fouls on Slickers star striker John Kosmina.

The first went in after six minutes, with Joe Watson knocking

BY BRAD EARL

the ball towards the byline on the left, Grant Lee putting it low across the goal-mouth and Kosmina flicking it into the bottom corner of the goal.

Both teams were reduced to 10 men in the 29th minute when Tony Morsello (Apia) and Frank Farina (City) were dismissed for fighting.

A minute after the break, Sydney City went two-up when

Robertson chipped a free-kick high into the penalty area and Gomez beat Catlin to the ball to head home.

Four minutes later Gomez struck again. Once again it was from a left-side free-kick, this time taken by Jimmy Cant.

Cant played the ball into the goal area and Gomez got his long leg in front of Catlin to deflect the ball into the net.

Leichhardt attempted a minor fightback

after this to put pressure on Todd Clarke's goal, with young right striker Vince Colagiuri showing

ing the way.

Then came a procession of five yellow cards and one red — to Apia sweeper Arno Bertogna — in a 22 minute spell.

Gomez was pushing up looking for his third goal, and came close when he headed downwards, but the ball went over the crossbar — on the bounce!

Hard-working Lee added the fourth right on full-time when Kosmina fired the ball in low from the right. Catlin only pushed it away and Lee followed up to finish well from an acute angle.

Sydney City were never forced into top gear against the young Apia outfit, once again emphasising that they will be the team to beat in the Northern Division.

Man of the match: Socceroo striker JOHN KOSMINA was very effective up-



GRANT LEE

front for Sydney City, giving Apia stopper Ian Rowden a harder game than most strikers will this season.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Catlin; Casaccia, Brown, Bertogna, Rowden; Reda, Butler, de Ceglie; Colagiuri, Caban, Morsello.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke; Gomez, Cant, Robertson, O'Connor; Barnes (Rodrigues 78), Watson, Kay; Farina, Kosmina, Lee. REFEREE: G. Power. CROWD: 2,459.

SYDNEY CITY SCORE WITH FREE-KICK PRESSURE

ROUND 2

NORTHERN DIVISION
MARCONI 2 (M Jankovics R Brown) drew with NEWCASTLE 2 (M McClelland D Milosevic) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1141.

BLACKTOWN 1 (J Larkin) b MONARO 0 at Toongagga. Crowd: 862.

WOLLONGONG 2 (B Godzik V Rozic og) b SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (J Patikas) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 2209.

CANBERRA 2 (R Hebb og S Bryant) drew with PENRITH 2 (R Easthorpe I Wortherspoon) at Jamison Oval. Crowd: 1460.

SYDNEY CITY 4 (G Gomez 2) Kosmina G Lee) b LEICHHARDT 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd: 2459.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (P Ras-kopoulos) b ST GEORGE 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 6561.

SOUTHERN DIVISION
BRUNSWICK 1 (Cullen) b GREEN GULLY 0 at Olympic Park No 2. Crowd: 1500.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (F Costanzo) drew with BRISBANE CITY 1 (A Reis) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1800.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Egan) b PRESTON 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 5000.

HEIDELBERG 4 (Stevenson 2 Selemidis Tasios) b FOOTSCRAY 0 at Heidelberg. Crowd: 3000.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (House Ward) b SUNSHINE 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 3500.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (T McGregor) b WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Richlands. Crowd: 1218.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE:
AIS 2 b Penrith 1. Wollongong 4 b Croatia 3. Marconi 1 drew with Newcastle 1. St George 4 b Olympic 2. Blacktown 4 b Inter-Monaro 0. Leichhardt 1 drew with Sydney City 1. Canberra City 4 b Penrith 2.

ROUND 1

(Saturday)

SYDNEY CITY 3 (J Kosmina 2 M Barnes) b BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (S Knight) at Wentworth Park. Crowd: 380.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (M Soper) b NEWCASTLE 0 at Adamstown. Crowd: 2915.

(Sunday)

PENRITH 0 drew with ST GEORGE 0 at Cook Park. Crowd: 398.

CANBERRA 3 (T English T Sermanni M Perinovic) b MONARO 0 at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 2100.

LEICHHARDT 4 (V Caliguri 2 T Genovese 2) b WOLLONGONG 2 (A Bundalo D Giannone) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 2237.

SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (G Arnold 2 D Rezo) drew with MARCONI 3 (M Jankovics 2 S Calderan) at Tomislav Park. Crowd: 6452.

WEST ADELAIDE 2 (G Honeyman G Price) b BRUNSWICK 1 (J Sweeney) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2000.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (J Cairney C Anderson) b BRISBANE CITY 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1885.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Deankovic House Antolovic) b ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1500.

PRESTON 2 (Spink Cole) b FOOTSCRAY 1 (Stojilovic) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 3500.

SUNSHINE 0 drew with HEIDELBERG 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2500.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 (Egan 2 Brown) b GREEN GULLY 2 (Lewis 2) at Middle Park. Crowd: 3000.



GERRY GOMEZ: two goals from right-back.

PENRITH SNATCH LATE EQUALISER

Canberra2 Penrith2

FROM hero to near villain, that was the story of Canberra City's import Tom English after Penrith had snatched a 2-2 draw in the 90th minute at Jamison Oval.

English, who looked to be suffering from heat exhaustion, had just hit the post from close in after collecting a long ball from full-back John Mihailidis.

The striker, not yet acclimatised, did not have enough energy to trot back onside while the ball travelled to Canberra's end where a Dave McIntosh piledriver was just too high.

As the ball came back over halfway from the goal-kick, English was caught on the wrong side of the line. The resulting free-kick found Randell Easthorpe who scored from the middle of a ruck of players just inside the area.

The result was a fair one in a game that was keenly contested but never of a high standard.

After 40 minutes of more effort than skill a goal was needed to bring the game to life. Two goals followed in the space of half a minute.

Terry Byrne nodded in a Peter Burke header which had come from a free-kick. Penrith's Robert Hebb may have got a further fine deflection but Byrne claimed the goal.

Before Canberra players had stopped congratulating each other, Ian Wortherspoon, only a few days after arriving back from Britain, beat Roy Jones on the right and

BY KEN HEALEY

threaded a grounder past Anthony Franken from an acute angle.

Referee Vince Celestino was roundly booed by Canberra supporters at the kick-off but he was even more unpopular in the 65th minute.

He awarded Canberra what looked like a soft penalty after English and McIntosh had contested the ball in the area. Steve Bryant converted and Canberra defended its lucky lead until Easthorpe's equaliser in the 90th minute.

A highly emotional Penrith coach Willie Wallace was immediately ordered from the bench on the report of a linesman.

Man of the match: Canberra midfielder STEVE BRYANT for consistently winning the ball and sending good passes to a forward-line which could not take advantage of his service.

CANBERRA: Franken, Mihailidis, Jones, Burke, Harkins, Byrne, Sermanni, Bryant, (Ontong 92), Gibson, Perinovic, English.

PENRITH: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Ainsworth, McIntosh, Hebb, Wortherspoon, Toohey, (Carbony 78), Jackson, Easthorpe, Licata.

REFEREE: V. Celestino. CROWD: 1,400.

OWN GOAL SINKS SYDNEY CROATIA

Wollongong2 Sydney Croatia1

WOLLONGONG City created enough chances themselves but had to rely on an own goal to beat Sydney Croatia 2-1 in yesterday's game at Wollongong Showground.

With the teams locked at 1-1 after 79 minutes, Wollongong full-back Phil Matias sent an optimistic looking lob into the Croatia penalty area.

Unfortunately for Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic, it glanced off his forehead out of the reach of goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse and into the net.

It was the second tragedy for Croatia in the space of three minutes as rugged defender Bruno Vidaic had just been sent off.

Referee Terry Seacy showed Vidaic the red card when he tackled Wolves winger Bernie Godzik after having previously been cautioned in the first half.

Everything seemed to be happening at once as Vidaic's dismissal came just after Jim Patikas had put the visitors level.

Patikas always looked like posing danger to Wollongong and his 73rd minute equaliser seemed almost inevitable.

The former Sydney Olympic midfielder appeared all over the park and Wollongong were never really able to pin him down.

Patikas had two great scoring chances in the first half but both times sent angled shots wide of the far post.

After a scoreless first half Wollongong shocked Croatia with a goal just 30 seconds after the interval.

It came after left winger Dominic Giannone cleverly eluded full-back Alex Kovacic

BY PHIL MURPHY

and sent over a high curling cross which had the defence in all kinds of trouble.

After the ball had bounced almost in the goalmouth Godzik swooped between defenders to head it home.

Croatia's supporters had reason to be disappointed with their team's finishing but Wollongong coach Adrian Alston was full of praise for his players.

"We went out with a plan and when it wasn't working in the second half were able to adapt ourselves and take the points," Alston said.

"Midfielder Zivko Hristovski and Scott Dickson at the back were outstanding and I'm sure some of the top teams will be worried about this result."

Man of the match: SCOTT DICKSON for his strong defence and ability to come out and push his team forward with his strong running up the middle.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Green, Matias, Willis, Dickson, Kerr, (Brodnik 76) Bundalo, Hristovski, Godzik, Kotamanidis, Giannone.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, A. Kovacic, Basic, M. Kovacic, Rozic, Vidaic, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Patikas, Rezo.

REFEREE: T. Seacy. CROWD: 2,209.

All the NSL action — Southern Division

KIM'S SAVE SAVES CITY

Adelaide City1 Brisbane City1

WHILE he did not have all that much to do in the 90 minutes he spent at Olympic Sports Field in Adelaide, Brisbane City goalkeeper Kim Wishart emerged as one of the visiting heroes in a 1-1 draw.

With 30 seconds remaining, Adelaide City midfielder Charlie Villani charged onto the ball and cracked what looked like the winning goal — until Wishart tipped the ball over the bar.

It was one of the few exciting moments in a match marred by a strong wind and possibly the fact that both teams had lost their opening games.

Nerves were in evidence as passes and shots went astray.

The home team had taken the lead in the 17th minute when Fortu Costanzo, in his first NSL season, met a cross from full-back Mike Donnelly, also in his debut year, and nodded the ball into the net.

It was looking good for the home side until the 32nd minute when, ironically Donnelly made a short pass back to goalkeeper Willie McNally.

Stephen Glockner intercepted and sent the ball to Alan Reis who slotted it home.

BY TOM MCKAIN

Into the second half and Brisbane began to improve with Reis a menace when on the ball, threatening to lay on goals or score himself.

But it was Frank Mengotti who raced down the middle and hit a shot which McNally had to tip over the bar.

Then the ball was in the net for Brisbane from Peter Carey in the closing stages, and as referee Jim Rossis indicated a goal, linesman Paul Smallman signalled for an infringement and it was still 1-1.

Perhaps this made up for what home fans claimed was a penalty on Joe Mullen by Garry Bromfield late in the first half.

Brisbane were undoubtedly happy with the draw, while Adelaide had nothing to celebrate.

Man of the match: Brisbane's **ALAN REIS** not only for scoring but also creating chaos in the home defence whenever he had the ball.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Donnelly, Cecere, Flounders, Nyskohus, Villani, Northcote, Maxwell, Mullen, Costanzo, Santrac (Rankin 59).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio, Milovanovic, Wilkinson, Bromfield, Junna, Mengotti, Glockner, Reis, Carey, Russell.

REFEREE: J. Rossis.

CROWD: 2,121.

LIONS TRAPPED BY OFFSIDE

Brisbane Lions1 West Adelaide.....0

BRISBANE Lions will not win any honours this season until the side comes to grips with the offside rule.

BY GREG RUSSELL

That was painfully obvious in the Brisbane team's 1-0 win over West Adelaide at Richlands.

Lions, who had to reshuffle their side following the late withdrawal through injury of central defenders Alan Hunter and Rod Vasquez, could well have won the match by a bigger margin but for a series of second half offside decisions which became boring through their monotony.

As coach Gordon Arrowsmith said: "By not putting away the chances we are keeping the other side in the game."

Obviously players will be quick to criticise the match officials, but even allowing for any errors of

judgment — and there appeared to be few — Lions forwards still made some stupid runs.

Clark Anderson and Joe Cairney were the worst offenders, but it is not that they are bad players, just over-enthusiastic. The pair are getting into their positions but sometimes too quickly, or the service is being delayed too long by teammates.

It was Cairney's quick running and silky skills which created Lions' winner in the seventh minute. He broke fast down the right then wrong-footed West's Ian McGregor before playing a pinpoint cross to the far post for the unmarked Tom McGregor to nod into the net.

West, who were without five regulars, had their best scoring opportunity fall to George Konstantopoulos in the 33rd minute.

He broke through a flat Lions defence, but a fine save by keeper Wayne Evans denied the equaliser.

It was one of the

few times West broke through the Lions defence which was superbly marshalled by youngster Steve Jackson whose display as sweeper, after being switched from full-back, was faultless.

Jackson, who is hoping to force his way into the Socceroos, was not beaten throughout the match and his distribution always produced results.

West Adelaide keeper Gary Sproul also was in good touch and a one-handed save off Cairney in the 85th minute was one of several fine efforts.

Man of the match: Lions' defender **STEVE JACKSON**, for one of the most complete and competent sweeping displays by a youngster I have seen in a long time.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans, McSkimming, T. Redmond, Jackson, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Anderson, (Hunter 88), Cairney, McGregor.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Atsalas, (Molisoli 77), Brown, Hiern, Honeyman, Konstantopoulos, McGregor, Panagis, (Stamatelopoulos 64), Scott, Matiscek, Stefanopoulos.

REFEREE: D. Nugent.

CROWD: 1,218.

BERGERS' SECOND HALF ONSLAUGHT

A SECOND half onslaught netted Heidelberg United a 4-0 win over injury-riddled Footscray at Melbourne's Olympic Village.

Following an even first half, during which Heidelberg went into the lead with a spectacular header from their captain Theo Selemidis, Heidelberg went on a rampage in the second half to humiliate their talented, but aimless opponents.

Seriously hampered by the absence of their defensive stalwart Slodoban Jovic and midfield mastermind Vlatko Belic, Footscray surrendered to the tremendous pressure.

In the 17th minute Heidelberg captain Theo Selemidis connected with a cross from Ian McKie to head the ball into the net.

Footscray's efforts were foiled by Heidelberg's brilliant goalkeeper Jeff Olver, whilst Footscray's keeper Mark Turudia almost matched Olver's brilliance.

Footscray retaliated but Joe Car-

roll's shot hit the crossbar.

Valentine laid the ball for Stuart Stevenson who slotted it in the net to give Heidelberg a clear 2-0 lead.

In the 73rd minute Stevenson struck with the third goal, planting in the net a square pass from Mike Valentine.

Heidelberg continued their pressure and 10 minutes before full time young Steve Tasios scored fourth goal of the game with a header from Stevenson precision cross.

Valentine's final shot of the game, 70 seconds before full-time, bouncing off the crossbar.

Man of the match: Heidelberg's **STUART STEVENSON**.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Marley, Angele, Yankos, Valentine, Selemidis, Tasios, Metaxas, Stevenson, Winn.

FOOTSCRAY: Turudia, Vagias, Lujic, Janjic (Stojcicki 46), Karic, Carroll, Curovic, O'Donnell,

Lazopoulos, Stojilovic, Tapai.

REFEREE: J. Fokianos.

CROWD: 2,000.

AUSTRALIAN Champions South Melbourne have started amassing points for their 1985 championship title, with two wins in an equal number of games.

After an encouraging win over Green Gully at home in round one of the League, the champions heralded their return to form, with a stylish 1-0 win over Preston, at Connor Reserve.

Led superbly by their midfield machines, Kenny Murphy and Garry McDowell, South Melbourne dominated the second half of the game and created numerous scoring opportunities, displaying their inimitable attacking style.

MELBOURNE ROUND-UP
BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

The turning point in the game came in the 74th minute when South Melbourne's diminutive striker Charlie Egan rose high to head in the net a cross by Garry McDowell.

Man of the match: South Melbourne's **GARY McDOWELL**.

PRESTON: Trainedes, Opatinas (Petro 48), McMillan, Dobson, Dunn, Illoski, Flavell, Heys, Cole, Lane, Spink.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, Yzendoorn, Halford, McDowell, Crino, Murphy, Egan, Brown.

REFEREE: S. Mellings.

CROWD: 3,500.

TWO defensive blunders gave Melbourne Croatia a convincing 2-0 win over Sunshine George Cross at Chaplin Reserve.

The home team suffered their first loss in the championship after an encouraging 0-0 draw against Heidelberg in the opening round.

The loss, however, should not discourage them for they gave good signs of improvement in their performance, par-

ticularly in the first half during which they matched the performance of their opponents in all areas.

Croatia went into the lead after 25 minutes when Greg House collected a miscued clearance from George Cross' defence and hammered the ball into the net.

Georgie tried desperately for the equaliser but the elusive goal never arrived for them.

On the contrary, in the 46th minute they conceded the second goal, when Gary Ward was presented with a brilliant scoring opportunity and the lethal striker made no mistake in placing the ball past experienced goalkeeper Lou Kastner.

Man of the match: Croatia's **VICTOR CRISTALDO**.

SUNSHINE: Kastner, Taylor, Canpelj, Bennett, Richardson, Faulkner, Instuk (Scerri 80), Mitten, Gilder, McLaren (Bain 63), Latif.

MELB CROATIA: Runje, Curcio, Parton, Antolovic, Hannah, Cristaldo, Deankovic, Bitkic, House (Sablajak 83), Ward, Cumming.

REFEREE: B. Upjohn.

CROWD: 3, 500.



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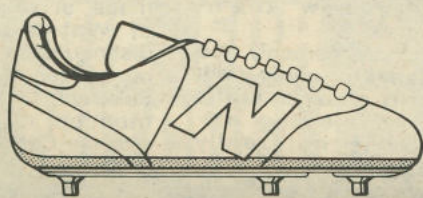
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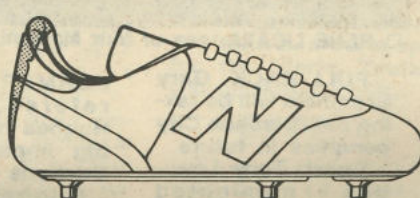
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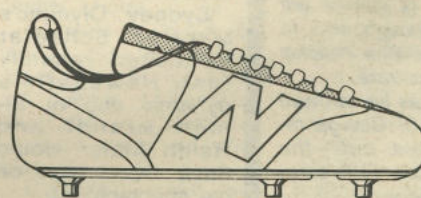
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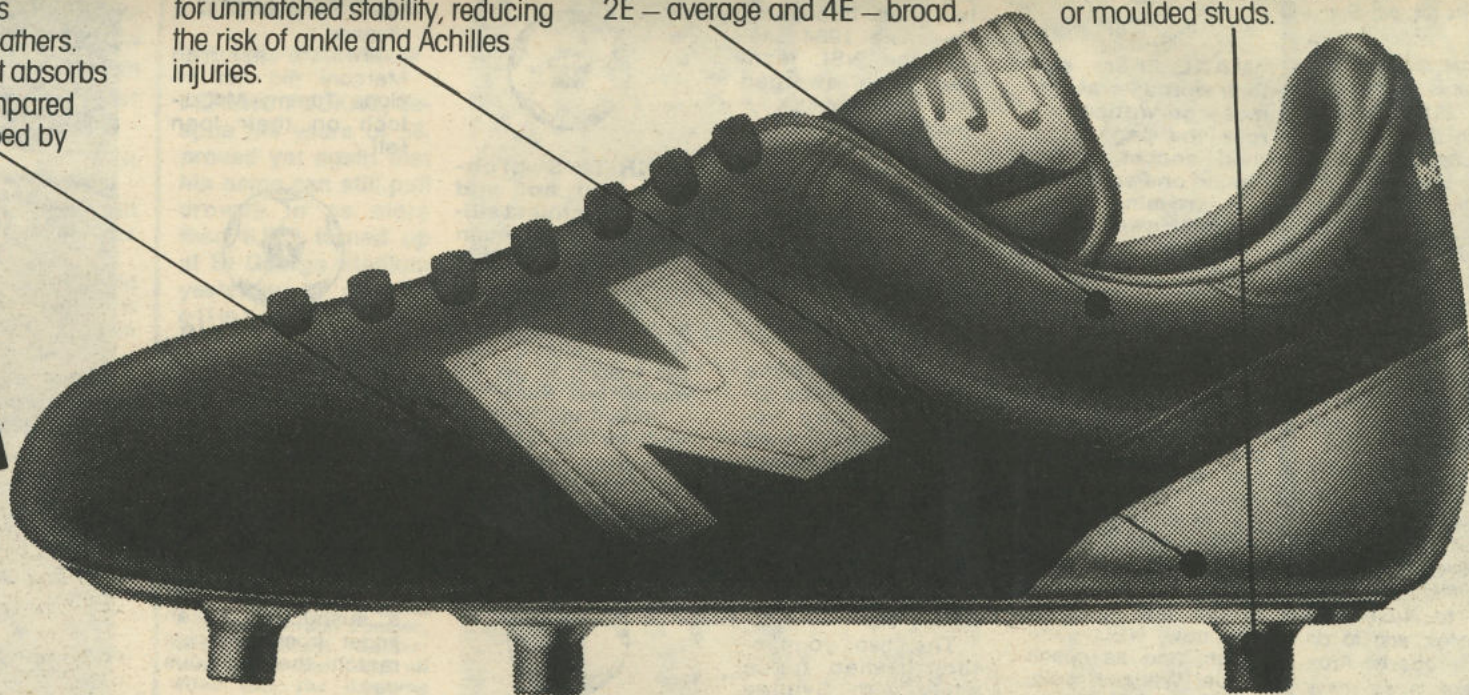
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EDITORIAL FULL-TIME QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED

IN this World Cup qualifying year, one of the most important points to be raised in Australia's quest for Mexico '86 is whether or not Frank Arok should go full-time as national coach.

Arok of course coaches National Soccer League club side St George in addition to the national team.

The original suggestion when Arok was appointed Australian coach a year ago was that he should step down as Saints' supremo in July this year.

However, upon his return from the Soccerroos' world tour in December, Arok was not in favour of stepping down from club duties.

His view is that he will not have enough work to do as a full-time national coach in Australia.

He believes he can also handle his St George responsibilities until the end of the National League season.

The NSL divisional play-off is scheduled to be completed two weeks before the World Cup series gets underway. So, if St George were to win their way through, Arok would be involved with his club team right up to two weeks prior to the first match on September 21.

St George may not get that far, but is it worth the risk to Australia's chances in the most important football competition in the world?

ASW believes Arok should go full-time with the national team in June at the expense of his club commitments.

The national team will be playing their final warm-up matches in the World Soccer Series in the last week of July and the first week of August.

Arok must settle on his World Cup squad against top European club sides in the WSS.

Therefore his selections for that series will be vital to Australia's Cup chances, and to do the job properly Arok should take in as many NSL games as he possibly can.

Even though Arok settled on the nucleus of his squad on the world tour, that planning could be affected by events of the next few months.

Therefore the rule should be run over Victorian, South Australian and Queensland players in the Southern Division of the NSL in addition to Northern Division players to enable Australia to be represented by the best possible players available.

To do the job properly for Australia, we believe Frank Arok must sacrifice his St George job mid-season and go full-time as national coach.

What do you think?



CHIT CHAT

IF finances and opportunity had permitted, which players from other National League teams would you have liked to add to your squad?

If that question were put to all coaches, we would probably determine the real value of the League's most in-demand players.

In the absence of such a poll, we can report that Sydney City's Eddie Thomson would have considered Joe Senkalski (Newcastle) and Peter Tredinnick (Apia Leichhardt) as valuable gains. Joe stayed at home and Peter went to Marconi.

Sydney Olympic's Manfred Schaefer mentioned recently that Newcastle's dynamic duo of Simon Brandt and Ralph Maier would have been high on his shopping list.

But if Maier had moved it would have been to Marconi to join his former national Youth team mentor Les Scheinflug.



"MAKE them eat their words," was the message written across the page of a rival soccer paper pinned on Penrith City's dressing room wall last week.

"Penrith, let's face facts, is a collection of players who didn't make it with their previous clubs. And none of them, apart from Dave McIntosh, can be said to have changed that impression last season, or in the recent Ampol Cup final," the Melbourne-based scribe wrote.

The Panthers took a point off St George in their first match of the new NSL campaign, and as coach Willie Wallace said, "that's not bad from a side run on a shoestring."



SYDNEY CROATIA are now known as the "moneybags" team of the NSL's Northern Division.

The club lashed out \$25,000 for Jim Patikas and followed up soon after with a \$22,000 offer for Ian Gray.

Croatia was also keen to spend a huge amount to buy Marshall Soper before he decided to stay with Sydney Olympic.



RENE LICATA: one of four Marconi players loaned to other clubs.

FULL-BACK Gary Bromfield will be taking the Brisbane City penalties in future.

Coach Tony Lowndes nominated Bromfield after Luciano Fabrizio and Billy Wilkinson missed penalties in City's opening NSL round 0-2 loss to Lions.

It was revealed after the match that the side really had no designated penalty-taker as throughout the entire 1984 season the NSL team had been awarded only one spot-kick — and midfielder Frank Pimblett, who has yet to train this season at Spencer Park, took it.



FORMER Brisbane Lions youngsters Simon and Gary Ireland have snared trials with English First Division club Chelsea.

Already Simon is playing with the club's reserve team according to their father, Vic.

The two youngsters trialled for a while with Sydney club St George at the beginning of last season before becoming disenchanted and moved to Queensland.



JOHN SPANOS phoned ASW to tell us he is very fit after training consistently with Sydney City and is anxious to get fixed up with a new club.

Spanos is transferred by Marconi, who would probably accept around \$5,000 for this very useful utility player.

FORMER Adelaide referee Robert Hughes has made a big impact on the Brisbane scene.

Hughes, who moved to Queensland, has been given several key and tough pre-season clashes, but impressed with his on-field manner, no-nonsense approach and closeness to the action.



PENRITH'S problems did not end when they found sufficient cash to retain NSL status early this year.

The players have been paid but coach Willie Wallace was still waiting to get his money last week.

Willie has worked hard for the team for the past couple of months but he is not an amateur: after all, he has to pay his bills.



FRANK CASACCHIA has reappeared for Apia Leichhardt in midfield after spending some time in Italy.

He was a talented local junior who also played for Fort Street High School in CHS games.

Back in 1980 he was chosen in the Australian Schoolboys select team along with three lads who have since gone a long way in the game.

His team mates included Gary Phillips (Sydney Olympic), Fabio Incantalupo (Brunswick Juventus) and Chris Manou (West Adelaide).

SAM SALABASIDIS, who quit as West Adelaide coach at the end of last season because they would not buy "name" players, is back in the game.

He will coach the Woodville club, which plays in the South Australian Amateur League competition.

CANBERRA CITY, having lost Lotto as major sponsors, no longer wish to be called Canberra Arrows.

The name they want for their team now is Canberra City Olympians.

Fair enough. But how come, on a National League information sheet sent out last week, there is a change of venue for the Sydney Olympic v Canberra ARROWS match?

If the people running the NSL don't know the correct names for teams, what chance has the public or media?



ROY COTTON'S form since joining St George has disappointed several people but coach Frank Arok is sure the former Penrith forward will come good.

Maybe it's taking Cotton some time to adjust to playing with new teammates.

It is certainly too early to agree with critics who claim Cotton's style of soccer is not really Saints' style.

IF you want a loan, you don't need to call on the Westpac, National Australia or other big banks.

Just phone Marconi club and ask what they have on offer.

In recent weeks, Marconi have generously loaned out Ricky Budini, Attilio Carbone, Rene Licata and Berti Mariani — although Mariani, as a free agent, may not be strictly a "loaner".

We are assured Marconi did not include Tommy McCulloch on their loan list!



GARY SPROUL, the former West Ham keeper who ousted Soccerroo Martyn Crook at one stage, then became his deputy at the start of this year, may have lost even that spot.

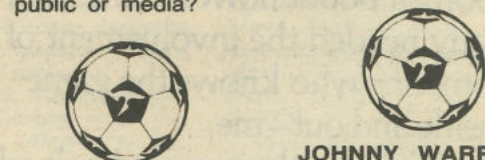
On opening day of the winter season, Crook reported with a suspected broken finger from a cricket match the previous day.

But Sproul was not at the ground, and could not be contacted.

In stepped Alistair Crook (no relation) and the 21-year-old English migrant played a blinder.

He had been cooling his heels in the local State League with West's First Division team, and had only made brief appearances last season as a deputy to Sproul, while Martyn Crook took time off to start a new business.

Now it looks as if the "new" Crook is in "business".



JOHNNY WARREN, former Australian World Cup captain, was honoured by the Board of Directors of Canberra City Olympians.

The Canberra Board decided unanimously to issue Warren the "No 1 Badge" of the Canberra City Club.

The decision was made in recognition of Warren's long, distinguished career in soccer for Australia and for his contribution to soccer with the Canberra City club.



ROY COTTON: time to adjust.

NEWCASTLE fans are keen to see their strong central defender Neil Owens reconsidered for a position in the Australian Youth squad to play in the World Youth Championship Finals in Russia.

The Rosebuds blossom every time Owens is in the side.

National Youth coach Jimmy Shouler has looked him over in a number of camps and has previously offered him an Institute position.

CRAIG JOHNSTON tells us he will definitely be leaving Liverpool although it seems there will be no deal until his contract expires at the end of this season.

Any club wanting to buy the midfielder from Newcastle, NSW will have to dig deep because his transfer fee is \$1,000,000.

The figure seems sure to be considerably reduced once his contract has been fulfilled.

COLLINS ANGRY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DOUG COLLINS, former coach of Canberra City Olympians, was angry with our story recently over his sacking.

Our story was based on comments made by the Canberra chairman, Charlie Perkins.

"I left for reasons other than those reported in the article," a livid Collins said.

"I can't disclose those reasons at the moment. The article was grossly unfair. It was in fact one-sided.

"For example, Mr Perkins was quoted as saying we lost six consecutive matches last year, yet I was still retained.

"But he failed to mention we had five

successive wins after those losses."

Collins maintains that he lined up the signing of Tommy English, Canberra's newly-arrived striker from England.

Collins said: "I have only brought quality players to Australia ... Tommy Sermanni, Martyn Rogers, Mike Coady and now English.

"English is only 23, yet he has played more than 150 games in First Division. He is a top player," Collins promised.

FOUR CLUBS VIE FOR MITCHELL

BY TOM McKAIN

DAVID MITCHELL will be at the centre of a four-way struggle for his signature when he returns to Australia this week.

While Adelaide City have made a verbal agreement over the phone with the Soccerero striker who fell out with Glasgow Rangers' manager Jock Wallace, South Melbourne have stepped in with a counter offer.

No sooner had they made this than West Adelaide joined the bidding.

But Mitchell is due to land in Sydney and will be staying there for two days to "tidy up some business."

It is understood he will be seeing his old boss, Eddie Thomson of Sydney City, and it is odds-on they will ask the front-runner to again join their line-up.

West president Frank Karagiannis said he wanted it made clear his club was not entering a fight with Adelaide City for Mitchell.

"We will step in only if he does not accept City's terms," he said.

"We do not want to see him going to South Melbourne or returning to Sydney. We would be prepared to sign him on a one-year contract if that's what he wants."

UK RETURN

Adelaide City have offered Mitchell a lucrative two-year contract.

However, if the Soccereros do not qualify for next year's World Cup Finals in Mexico, he wants to return to the UK where at least one Scottish club wants him and Watford and Chelsea in England have expressed interest.

Mitchell has been released on a free transfer back to Australia — provided he does not return to the UK inside two years.

If he does, Rangers want the \$32,000 they gave him to sign on.

Despite the interest by other clubs, Adelaide City president Charlie Caruso is confident Mitchell will stick with City, the team he left to join Sydney City.

"Our offer is a very attractive package," said Caruso.

"I've spoken to David several times on the phone and also to his father, who lives in Adelaide, and I'm certain he will be playing for us."

It is understood the package includes a house which will be put up by one of City's major sponsors, Fairmont Homes.

They told the club earlier this year that if it could find a top player they would back him during his stay with the club.

SHOULDER'S OLYMPIC VISION

TIME is ripe for the Australian Soccer Federation to make a serious move into the Olympic Games Football tournament.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

than 10 years in the USA.

Shoulder said: "There would be strong support for an Olympic soccer team in government circles.

"We are talking about the world's biggest sport and this will have an impact.

"You only have to see what a small sport like clay pigeon shooting can do by organising itself and lobbying in the right places to realise the assistance the ASF would get for an Olympic campaign."

The ASF could easily run an argument along the lines that the NSL would be un-

happy over having too many inroads into its clubs' playing staffs if the Olympics are pressed.

There is little doubt that clubs would suffer. Shoulder counters this with his belief that the clubs would be the nett gainers if the gap between Under 20 Youth internationals and the Australian 'A' team is filled by Under 23 Olympic players.

Meanwhile, Shoulder will not be able to use the Havelange Tournament in Mexico as a warm-up for the World Youth Championship Finals.

CAMPS

This tournament would have shar-



□ JIM SHOULDER: Olympics pressure.

pened up the Young Soccereros for their August/September appointment in the Soviet Union.

It seems the ASF cannot find the funds. Shoulder will have to rely on the AIS trip to Holland in May to sharpen some of the players.

Camps would be

held in June and July in Australia, to which could be added a few top standard games in Holland, Germany and England on the way to Russia.

Shoulder favours matches against the equivalent of national Youth teams or against selected professional opponents.

PUSKAS MATCH WAS A WINNER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FERENC PUSKAS, despite his years of 58, proved yet again that his name can still pull crowds in as more than 6,500 turned up at St George Stadium yesterday to catch a glimpse of this generously-proportioned world soccer legend.

Both dressing rooms were packed as some of Australia's biggest past stars arrived to strip for the Old Boys match in honour of the Hungarian master, Ferenc Puskas.

Greats who played for the St George Budapest club, including Hegyes, Csardas, Kovacs, Pompor, Aranyi, Abonyi, Zuckerman, Feher and Lang, all filed into the dressing rooms with great smiles as old relationships were once again rekindled.

Nostalgia reeked in the Pan Hellenic dressing rooms, as past star warriors such as Yangou, Roumanos, Comino, Hatzis, McCulloch, Maglis, Patrinos, Barboutis, Dakouvanos, filed in and got ready for the big event.

Making a guest appearance for the St George Budapest team was the magnificent ball-playing flanker of Prague and Hakoah days, the wonderful Andy Saghi.

A sea of photographers zeroed in on the old stars which brought the comment from Abonyi: "I've never seen so many photographers at a soccer match in all my playing days in Australia. It was like when we were in Japan with St George back in 1971, and you know what the Japs are



□ ST GEORGE BUDAPEST OLD BOYS SQUAD:
BACK ROW: Feher, Aranyi, Zuckerman, Lang, Kovacs (obscured), Pompor, Abonyi, "Coco", Takacs, Puskas, Schauman, Saghi.
FRONT ROW: Kacsics, Bednar, Balazsi, Csardas, Murray, Hegyes, Apay.



□ PAN HELLENIC:
BACK ROW: Patrinos, Maglis, Dakouvanos, McCulloch, Psaroudis, Barboutis, Nickolopoulos, Xipolitas, Yangou (player-coach), Harris.
FRONT ROW: Papadopoulos, Martinez, Hatzis, Omeros, Genaris, Nikopoulos, Roumanos.

like with cameras."

The roar reached a crescendo as Puskas walked out from the St George tunnel and onto the pitch for official acknowledgement. Again the photographers swarmed in to get shots of the old master.

Abonyi opened the score

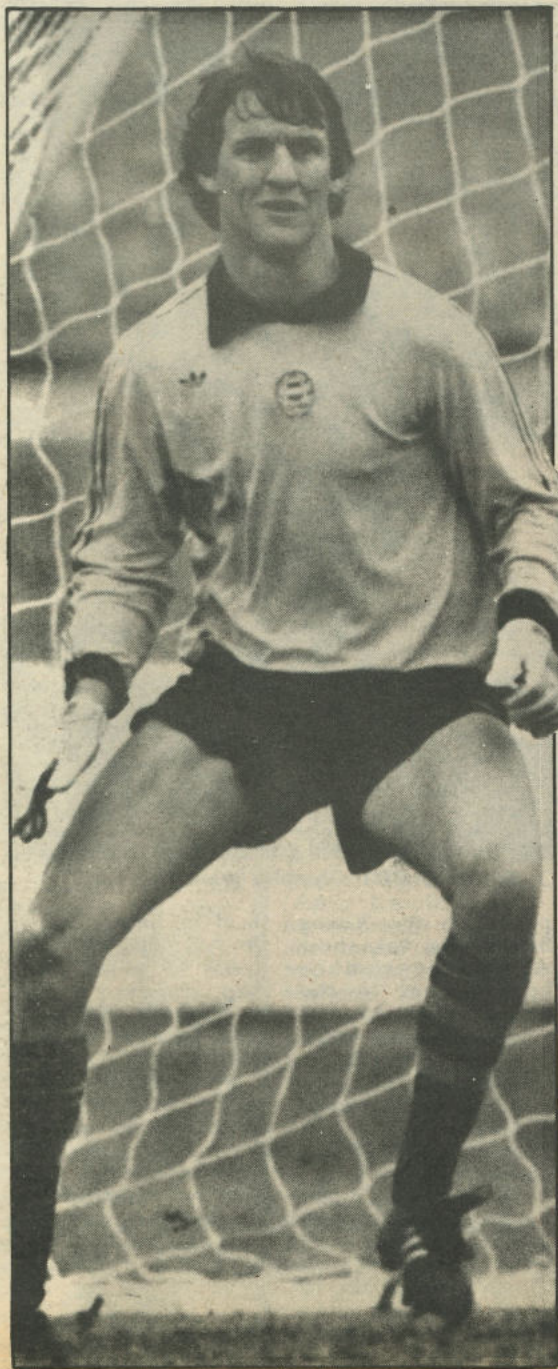
for the Saints in the seventh minute, whilst Chris Paxinos levelled for Pan Hellenic seven minutes after the break.

Hector Martinez rattled in two quick goals very late in the match to give Pan Hellenic the game 3-1.

DUE to the scheduling of Canberra City's NSL Cup round two match with Inter Monaro for tomorrow (Tuesday) night, the Canberra City VIP Dinner, with Ferenc Puskas as special guest,

will be held on Wednesday night at the Downer Olympic Soccer Club.

Any enquiries may be directed to the Canberra City office on (062) 48 0708 or 48 5959.



□ ABOVE: TERRY GREEDY, current first-choice Socceroo goalkeeper.

□ BELOW: BRUCE JAMES takes the ball for Marconi.



PRESSURE IS ON GREEDY

NEVER in all the years of the National League have there been so many eligible goalkeepers for the national team.

TERRY GREEDY, the tall and confident St George goalie, has been number one choice since the series against England in 1983 but is being challenged by a number of aspiring candidates.

Greedy is the first to admit it is difficult to hold down the number one shirt.

During a training session before the Australian team left for the world tour in November last year, Greedy was particularly impressed with the amount of enthusiasm and dedication of ANTHONY FRANKEN.

"He is a very good prospect, very confident and dedicated," Greedy said.

"Tony is keeping me on my toes."

EFFORTS

No-one can deny the efforts of Greedy since his call-up to the national team.

In fact, no other goalkeeper has faced so much international competition in his first two seasons in the Socceroo team.

Franken, who joined Canberra City after a successful stint with the Institute of Sport, caught the eye of soccer followers all over the world at the World Youth Championship in Mexico two seasons ago.

Chris Hummel, who

Socceroo candidates challenge for No 1 position

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

was first-choice in the National Youth team up till the Finals in Mexico, rates Franken very highly.

"There's no doubt he is a class goalkeeper," Hummel said.

"I left Canberra last year so I could play in the National League. It was virtually impossible for me to get a look in with Tony in the squad.

"We get on very well. Tony is tremendous when it comes to coaching the art of goalkeeping as well."

COMEBACK

At Sydney City, two goalkeepers are battling for first team selection as well as a chance of making the national team.

Former Socceroo TODD CLARKE is making a successful comeback to first team football and is keeping the younger TONY PEZZANO in the wings.

Ironically, Pezzano is ranked number three on the national goalkeeping list but is being kept out of the Slickers side by a rejuvenated Clarke.

Sydney Croatia's GREG WOODHOUSE is no stranger to the national team.

During the early 1980s the former Apia Leichhardt player was hailed as the new prince of Australian goalies.

Woodhouse is making a belated NSL comeback at Sydney Croatia after being in the doldrums with Leichhardt for a couple of seasons.

Marconi's number one choice, BRUCE JAMES, is also another prospect.

In fact, James rep-

resented Australia in 1983.

North of the NSW border KIM WISHART continually earns credit for his performances for Brisbane City.

BACKWARDS

MARTYN CROOK, who missed last season through work commitments, is back on the scene.

The West Adelaide keeper has worn the Green and Gold 13 times, but his last two appearances, against New Zealand, set his future aspirations of playing for his country backwards.

In the Melbourne NSL clubs, three players spring to mind as possible candidates.

Behind every successful team is a competent goalie. South Melbourne's PETER LAUMETS is one of the NSL's most consistent yet "forgotten" keepers.

Heidelberg's JEFF OLVER was strongly considered to tour with Socceroos last year, and Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos says Olver should be given a chance in future Socceroo campaigns.

"Jeff's continued in the same way he finished last season," he said.

"His form was great last year and he hasn't lost any of his touch. In fact, he is playing better than ever."

SURPRISE

Many people were surprised when YAKKA BANOVIC returned to Australia after such a successful period in the hurly burly of English soccer.



□ PETER LAUMETS, an under-rated keeper, is in control for South Melbourne.

Banovic says he came back to play NSL soccer and win a place in the Socceroo line-up for the coming World Cup elimination matches.

Banovic has joined Brunswick Juventus after encountering problems over selection policies at Melbourne Croatia last season.

When Terry Greedy was first selected in

the Socceroo side in 1983, he thought he had faced his toughest test keeping Mike Fraser out of his club team St George.

This year "Greeds" will face the stiffest task in his soccer career.

It's one thing winning a spot in the Socceroo team but it's more difficult holding your place.



□ ANTHONY FRANKEN, Canberra City's custodian.

YEAR OF THE KAT?

PETER HOPES IT WILL BE!

PETER KATHOLOS, Sydney Olympic's dashing midfielder, has been in the doldrums during the past two seasons but says 1985 will be the year he proves the critics wrong.

"I was under a lot of pressure last year but I'm ready for the 1985 season," he says.

"I'm in my prime now and I want to represent Australia in the World Cup elimination matches this year.

"I thought I played well last year after my early season problems with coach Manfred Schaefer," Katholos said.

"My problems at club level flowed on to the national side. I was selected in the 'B' team for the World Soccer Series but missed the Soceroos' world tour in the off-season.

"Our differences have been solved and now my aim is to get back into the Soceroo team."

'CASUALTY'

On his day there is no better midfielder in Australia.

The 23-year-old is a "veteran" of the NSL with 166 appearances.

But his career took a backward turn when Les Scheinflug was dropped as national coach in 1983.

"I suppose I was a

casualty of the Scheinflug reign," he said.

"When Les was sacked I was only sparingly used in the national team."

Katholos, who has represented Australia at schoolboy, youth and senior levels, encountered problems midway through the 1983 season.

"When Frank Arok took over the national team while Les was away with the Youth side in Mexico, I played one full game in the series against England," Katholos said.

"I bear no grudges towards Frank. My style obviously wasn't suited to the team he was looking for.

"People have been critical of my lack of bite in tackles and all-round aggression.

"You'll see a different Peter Katholos this year. I've been working on my speed in the off-season and I know I'm not a softie," Katholos added.

DISPUTE

Last year Katholos was in dispute with Sydney Olympic but

Profile

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

bounced back after missing the first NSL game to score 14 goals, mostly in the unaccustomed position of striker.

"I thought I finished the season strongly after the early pressure," he said.

"Manfred put me in the forward line and it's difficult to adjust after spending so many years in the midfield.

"I scored a few goals and moved back into the midfield. I'm glad everything worked out."

Katholos is another fine product of the Canterbury district.

As a talented 17-year-old, "Kat" joined St George from Canterbury-Marrickville.

The previous year he toured with the Australian Schoolboys team which included future stars like

Greg Woodhouse, Eddie Krncevic, Tony Pezzano, Danny Moulis and George Christopoulos.

In 1979 he toured with the young Soceroos to Paraguay for the World Youth elimination matches.

His performances with St George during the 1979 season and the following year were noticed and he gained his first National appearance in a match against Indonesia in Melbourne in 1981.

REWARDING

Katholos joined Sydney Olympic in 1981 and his first two years were very rewarding. Many people believe he hasn't maintained that fine form during the past two years.

"I'll be the first to admit 1983 was a little disappointing," he said.

"It was very hard

for me to keep up the same form which won me Player of the Year honours in 1982.

"Everyone expected me to play like a king every game. Some people have said my new sports store didn't help my cause.

"Like anything you try to establish and grow, it is difficult at first. That's all behind me now."

Katholos looks at the 1985 season with renewed confidence and says it will be the Year of the Kat.

"I'm confident I'll be successful at club and, hopefully, national level.

"It's every player's dream to play in the World Cup. I don't expect to be in the national team when I'm 28, 32 or 36.

"I'm at the prime of my career. I'm ready for a big year and nothing will stop me," he concluded.



□ ABOVE: PETER KATHOLOS shows his style for the Australian 'B' team against Ian Bowyer of Nottingham Forest in last season's World Soccer Series.

□ BELOW: TACKLED by a Melbourne Croatia opponent in a National League match for Sydney Olympic.



□ MANFRED SCHAEFER: "Our differences have been solved," says Katholos.

'Too much too soon' — Graham Taylor

YOUTH STARDOM IS TRICKY THING!

THE coming to Canberra City of former England Youth international Tommy English highlights the fact that everlasting fame for young soccer hopefuls can never be taken for granted.

Young players who hit the spotlight in the international arena at youth level sometimes hit the depths at the same speed they reached the top.

It's a situation that happens throughout the world and one every young player — especially at national youth level — should watch.

Tommy English, at 23, is a prime example of what can happen to a young player who seems destined for stardom with the world his oyster.

By saying this, I want to make it clear that this is not an obituary for English's career.

VEHICLE

I sincerely hope that at Canberra he can pick up the pieces of his career and this Australian experience will be the vehicle required to get this fine young player back into the English First Division.

Let's take a look at what has happened to English over the past few years.

Not so long ago, he was a member of the successful English youth team that won the world mini-cup.

His team-mates were AC Milan and England's Mark Hateley, Spurs Gary Mabbutt and Arsenal's Tommy Caton.

He was in Coven-

try's first team and everything in the English country garden was a bed of roses.

Then came a transfer to Leicester in exchange for Scottish star Jim Melrose, now leading Manchester City back to the First Division.

Things went wrong at Leicester and English landed at Fourth Division Colchester as a non-contract player in their reserves.

ABILITY

Throughout this horror spell English continued to feel he still had the ability to play at a good standard in England, but no manager seemed to share his thoughts.

English is no Robinson Crusoe. It has happened to many other youngsters.

Watford manager Graham Taylor is an expert in youth football and a former England national youth team boss.

He's seen it all happen and his thoughts are worth recording.

"Often boys who get National youth caps are not the real first-choice," Taylor disclosed.

"The first-choices are wanted by their clubs for important games so the youth boss must go for fringe players."

"Another problem is giving boys interna-

tional status at 18, when they are still learning the game.

"Sometimes they think they have arrived at the top when actually they are still learning the basics."

"Then, when the bad times come they find they can't cope."

"Young players need time to mature and they seldom get it."

"Players such as Duncan Edwards, for example, who have the physique, the ability and the temperament to handle the game at the highest level in their teens are exceptional."

"Football at times tends to give young men a lot of things far too early in life."

"Sometimes they have no idea how to

appreciate what is at their feet and the best thing a young lad can do once he has his youth cap is to put it in the past."

CHARACTER

Wise words indeed from one of the most respected managers on the English scene.

England manager Bobby Robson reckons that going on from a good youth start provides as much about character as ability.

Robson is adamant that footballers must be durable and must have the correct attitude, as it is a demanding profession with lots of pitfalls.

He is also of the opinion that young players need good guidance on and off the field.

Once again, like Taylor, Bobby Robson is 100 percent correct in his opinion.

Here in Australia, Soccer has had a marvellous production line since the introduction of the national youth team in 1978.

One or two players have fallen by the wayside, but in general most of them have gone on and made the grade and many become fully-fledged Socceroos.

Players with magnificent attitudes such as Alan Davidson, Graham Jennings, Ed-



□ TOMMY ENGLISH: success as a youth.

die Krncevic, David Mitchell, Tommy McCulloch, Frank Farina and Tony Franken come to mind.

What we must do is strive to stop any of our brilliant youth players from falling by the wayside.

The onus is on the NSL club coaches and

Australian Institute of Sport and national youth coach Jim Shoulder.

But we must strive to keep the fall-out figure as low as possible — even if it does take the arrival of players like Tommy English to Australia to remind us.

STATES WANT AROK TO ATTEND

THE Queensland and New South Wales Soccer Federations are to formally ask national coach Frank Arok to attend the interstate clash at Perry Park on April 25.

But if Arok accepts, it could mean he may have to bypass the NSL Cup Final, set down for the same day.

The QSF's Ian Brusasco and NSWFSF president John Constantine said last week they would be asking Arok to attend the match and now as his team was no longer involved in the Cup, they were expecting him to accept.

"I will be speaking to Frank Arok about accompanying us to Brisbane ... I don't think he will allow an opportunity like this to slip by," Constantine said.

PURPOSE

Unlike last year, Arok will not coach NSW this season, that job as expected has gone to new NSW director of coaching Alan Vest. But Constantine confirmed the national coach would play a firm role in the selection of the Blues' side.

"Alan will be speaking to Frank be-

fore selecting his team because there is a definite purpose to the interstate game.

"It is a forerunner to a big programme for the national side this year, including the international series and the World Cup qualifying matches," Constantine said.

Although the Queensland-NSW clash and the NSL Cup Final are scheduled for the same day, amicable negotiations between the QSF and the League resulted in an agreement that the Cup Final would be postponed if it involved a Queensland side or two NSW teams.

Queensland and NSW have won a game apiece since the interstate series was revived in 1983. Queensland won the first clash 3-0, while the Blues emerged 2-0 winners last season.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Recent power strikes, wet weather postponement of pre-season fixtures and the early start to the NSL programme have restricted Queensland coach Bruce Stowell's preparation plans, but he is confident the Maroons can beat the Blues.

But Stowell intends to tackle the task differently from last year.

"It will be a matter of utilising what we have at the moment and I think that will mean having a stronger and more purposeful midfield," he said.

LACKING

Queensland was sadly lacking in midfield and up-front against NSW last year and on that basis — compounded by the lack of in-form goal-grabbers in Queensland — it seems a

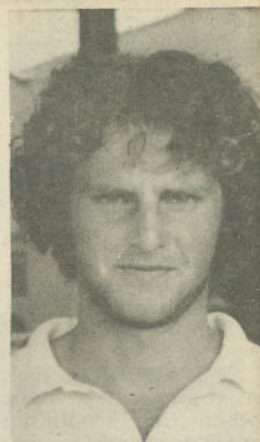
packing of the midfield is on the cards.

Stowell refuses to elaborate at this early stage but it seems he will be relying largely on Lions' John and Russell Stewart, John Ogden and possibly even Young Socceroo Richard Bassingthwaight.

And Stowell is hoping Brisbane City and Frank Pimblett resolve their differences soon, as seems likely, and the state captain knuckles down and regains match fitness.

Stowell admits strikes are the problem area and he has not hesitated to issue a warning to state team hopefuls from NSL clubs Brisbane City and Lions.

"If NSL team strikers are looking to be picked in the state side, then they had better pull their socks up, because if not they could lose their places to Premier League players," Stowell said.



□ RICHARD BASSINGTHWAIGHT: midfield contender.



□ FRANK PIMBLETT



□ GRAHAM TAYLOR: "When the bad times come they find they can't cope."

MAROON SHIRT IS MILO'S GOAL

Profile

BY BRAD EARL

FORMER Australian Youth international Mike Milovanovic is relishing the challenge of captaincy with Brisbane City this year.

And, by taking over as City's stopper from Frank Liddell, "Milo" hopes to win Liddell's Queensland shirt for the Anzac Day clash with New South Wales.

At this stage of his career, though, Milovanovic has reservations about winning a national squad place.

"I'm quite happy being captain of Brisbane City and hopefully making the Queensland team," he said.

However, Milovanovic will have a major battle with Brisbane Lions' Alan Hunter for the state stopper position vacated by Liddell, who is in Scotland.

TRANSFER

Milovanovic joined Brisbane City in April last year after spending 18 months in Mackay in North Queensland.

"I was transferred in my job to Brisbane," Milo recalls, "and I just wandered in off the street and started training with Brisbane City."

"I was in the first team within a couple of weeks, but I really didn't get fit until the last few games of the season, which I thought were my best games of the year."

Though he was happy to be able to make such a quick return to the National League, Milovanovic saw it as

a sad observation on the standard of Australian soccer.

"It was pretty easy for me to return to the National League, but in a way that was disappointing," he said.

"When there were 14 teams in the League, the standard was quite high, but now the best players have been spread amongst 24 clubs, and other players are making up the numbers."

PROGRESSED

Milovanovic began his NSL career with Canberra City under Johnny Warren, but he played all his junior soccer in Newcastle.

Few people would be aware that Milo came through the junior ranks in Newcastle alongside Craig Johnston, Peter Tredinnick and Graham Jennings, who have all progressed successfully into senior football.

At 15, the Milovanovic family moved to Canberra, and he was soon snapped up by Warren.

As Canberra coach, the former Australian captain threw youngsters like Milovanovic, Danny Moulis and Steve Hogg into the deep end of NSL football, but none of them let him down.

Milo toured the United States with the

Australian Schoolboys team in 1978, and then made the national Youth team for World Championship qualifying matches in New Zealand and Paraguay.

On the club scene, he played for Canberra for four consecutive seasons under Warren and then Vic Fernandez, and Milo credits both men with developing his game.

DISASTER

Then in 1981 he transferred to Blacktown City, who were coached by Rale Rasic, but it became a disaster year as the Demons were relegated.

"Blacktown are a very good club, I sincerely mean that, but it was a very disappointing season as we didn't have the quality of players," Milo said.

So it was back to Canberra in 1982 under George Murray, but at the end of the season Milovanovic was offered, and accepted, a job transfer to Mackay.

There, quite ap-



New Brisbane City skipper takes up the challenge



□ MIKE MILOVANOVIC (right) in NSL action for Brisbane City.

propriately, he joined the Wanderers club, as player-coach.

He filled the right-back and sweeper positions upon joining Brisbane City last season, but he prefers the stopper's job.

His high level of commitment on the field and his central defensive position make him ideally suited for the captaincy, which he has taken over from Frank Pimblett.

GAPS

At 24, he has settled with his wife Lisa in the Queensland capital, where he works as manager of a security company.

"Hopefully I'll stay with Brisbane City for a few more years," he said.

"We badly miss Pimblett and Liddell at this stage, and it is very difficult to fill the gaps."

"We have some potentially good players, but they're just inexperienced."

Mike Milovanovic will shoulder a lot of

responsibility this year as captain of Brisbane City.

And he desperately wants the added responsibility which

goes with wearing a Maroon shirt on Anzac Day.



□ FRANK LIDDELL: Milovanovic has taken his place as stopper in the Brisbane City team.

SOCCER'S GOLDEN OLDIES AT SANTA MONICA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SEAN CONNERY, Rod Stewart and James Caan, all world-class entertainers, have one thing in common — a strong passion for Soccer.

At the moment all three, plus the strong possibility of Watford's Elton John, will be in attendance at the Second International Golden Oldies Soccer Festival in Santa Monica, California in October.

And if they're not enough stars, Sir Stanley Matthews, England's legendary international ball-wizard winger, will also be at Santa Monica.

Sir Stanley, now residing in Canada, will accompany a Canadian team that has entered the tournament.

"Fun Soccer" — friendship and fraternity for soccer players who have retired from active competitive play — will be found at Santa Monica on October 5.

EXPERIENCE

Entries for teams from Australia close June 30, 1985.

Club captains, secretaries or coaches interested in participating in this spectacular soccer-holiday experience, should contact Peter Bent at Gullivers Sport Travel in Sydney on (02) 223 1911 or myself at AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY on (02) 660 2033, as soon as possible.

Australian teams,

both men's as well as women's, are strongly recommended not to miss this wonderful, unforgettable experience.

The Golden Oldies tournament has already attracted squads from the UK, America, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Trinidad, Israel and Italy.

Peter Bent, former soccer coordinator and a promoter with the Coca-Cola Company during the World Youth Championship Finals held in Australia in October 1981, has joined Gullivers Sport Travel as a travel sports consultant.

Peter has been assigned the task to arrange and coordinate the airlift of teams from Australia to Santa Monica.

OBJECTIVE

"The Santa Monica Golden Oldies will be a spectacular experience," he said. "I have already seen it with Rugby Union where 2,000 retired Australian players have entered for these Golden Oldies."

Besides all the razzamatazz of Hollywood celebrities, the festival has attracted world-class footballers such as former West Ham

star, the immaculate Trevor Brooking, and Liverpool's goal-ace Kenny Dalglish.

Captain of Scotland's 1978 World Cup side, Don Masson, will also be at Santa Monica with a team entered in the tournament.

The first Australian club to enter a team is Blacktown, who will be taking a squad of 20 players across to California for this soccer-fun-holiday-festival.

Other Sydney clubs to have entered teams are Penrith, Canterbury and Sutherland, whilst Melbourne and Brisbane have nominated two squads each, with another team travelling from Perth.

Names like Jack Curry, Frank Nobbs, Brian Smith, all past great Australian players, will be boarding their Air New Zealand aircraft heading for California.

WORLD-CLASS

Peter Bent said the main objective of the Golden Oldies was not winning, but participation in the soccer matches and festivities as well as meeting many old friends, celebrities and world soccer greats.

The Golden Oldies Festival culminates

with a fabulous banquet-dinner at which awards are presented on the final night.

Special presentations will be made for the player with the most grandchildren, the oldest goalkeeper, the oldest field player, etc.

The famous Will Rogers State Park in Santa Monica will be one of the parks used for the tournament.

The Bay View Plaza Holiday Inn, Santa Monica's largest hotel, will be set up as the headquarters for the festival.

The first Golden Oldies soccer tournament was staged at Auckland, New Zealand, in 1983.

UNLIMITED

FIFA Laws will apply in the tournament but substitutions will be unlimited ... for obvious reasons!

The main stipulation for a player's entry is that he or she must be over the age of 35 on October 5 this year.

The Golden Oldies will be split over three divisions: (A) players 35 and over; (B) players over 40; and (C) ladies 35 and over.

The itinerary is as follows:

Saturday October 5: teams fly into

Santa Monica, California.

Sunday October 6: special breakfast with briefing to teams, with a welcome cocktail in the evening.

Monday October 7: Official Opening Ceremony in the morning at the Will Rogers State Park, followed by Round One of matches.

Tuesday October 8: a rest day, on which a seven-hour tour of Universal Studios, the world's

largest motion picture empire based in Hollywood, will be made.

Wednesday October 9: Round Two of matches.

Thursday October 10: rest day as motor coaches pick up all the squads from their respective hotels and take them for a tour to the unbelievable if not incredible Disneyland.

Friday, October 11: Round Three of matches.

Saturday, October 12: Final Round of matches till noon. Teams free in the afternoon for last-minute sightseeing or shopping. In the evening, coaches

drive them to the Golden Oldies finale dinner and awards presentations, to bring down the curtain on the 1985 Golden Oldies at Santa Monica.

Gullivers has also arranged special holiday packages for players and supporters who wish to linger behind after the tournament is over.

Teams may tour the USA or go across to Hawaii, the heaven on Earth, for a few relaxing days before returning home.

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'DUTCHY' EXCELLED IN SOCCER AS WELL

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WHEN Robert "Dutchy" Holland starred in the fifth cricket Test against the West Indies he had come the full cycle in sport.

Perhaps, had he lived in one of the capital cities and not Newcastle, international success would have come much sooner.

Bill Turner, who taught Holland in his schooldays, had this to say:

"He doesn't punch his opponents, glare at umpires, swear

loud enough to be heard on the hill, throw his arms up to the heavens when the decision (or the catch) doesn't go his way, or rubbish others to justify his own egotism".

That is a great statement to make about any player, be he or she in cricket, soccer or any other sport.

Speaking of soccer, Robert Holland was a very handy player as well as cricketer.

In his team at Booragul High School in Newcastle's Lake Macquarie district 20 years back was also Dennis Wright, one of the handiest soccer players around when he turned out with Sydney Croatia and also in the Newcastle competition.

Holland went on to



BOORAGUL HIGH PICTURE GALLERY

Left to Right Back Row: George Palagyi, Kerry Anderson.
Centre Row: Bill Turner Coach, Garry Pickles, John England, Bob Porter, Lajos Kiskaparti, Terry Krywood, Graham Sutcliffe Sportsmaster.
Front Row: Reg Fardell, Boh Sinclair, Robert Holland, Dennis Wright, Hans Truemel, Mick Booth.

play in the Northern NSW First Division with Toronto Awaba.

Amongst other sportspersons who

came through Booragul have been Craig Johnston, Peter and Howard Tredinick, Michael

Boogaard, the Cowburn brothers, Malcolm McClelland and tennis star Christine O'Neill.

SOCCER
ON
SBS-TV

CONTINUING its involvement in local soccer, SBS-TV has unveiled its plans for an extensive television coverage of Australian soccer in 1985 — a schedule which includes the Olympic Airways National Soccer League, and the Socceroos' World Cup qualifying fixtures.

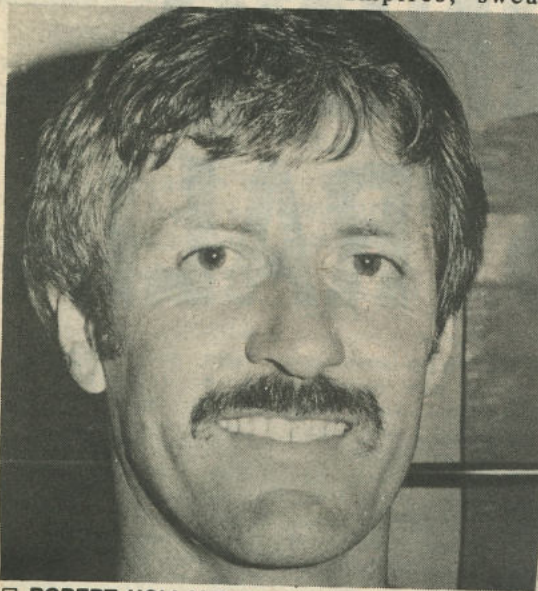
With SBS-TV expanding its transmission areas to Brisbane, Adelaide, Newcastle and Wollongong in mid-1985, the network plans to make its soccer coverage this year wider, more accessible and vibrant than ever before.

From today (Monday) at 6 pm, SBS-TV presents "Olympic Airways Soccer League" — a weekly one-hour round-up of the new-look National Soccer League.

Highlights from all major NSL fixtures will be presented as well to provide a punchy, topical look at the League.

Later in the year, Australia's Socceroos take on their biggest challenge, when they attempt to qualify for the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico.

"World Soccer" will continue each Saturday at 6 pm, with Les Murray presenting a look at the international game.



□ ROBERT HOLLAND: Test hero.

Australian Soccer



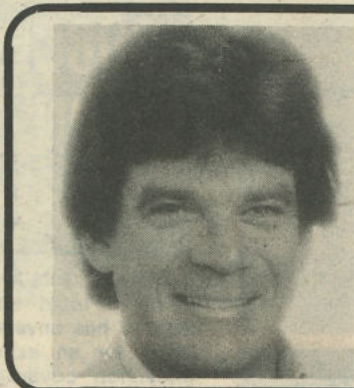
The Olympic Airways Soccer League kicks off each week on SBS TV.

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THE JOHNNY WARREN PAGE

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IS A WARNING FOR AUSTRALIA

ABOUT 10 years ago in Australia I wrote a futuristic column about the fate of sports and franchises in the early part of the next century.

I wrote of a somewhat barren society with players receiving normal salaries and prizemoney geared to what they drew through the turnstiles.

A worldwide recession had forced sponsors to mostly abandon sports and sports television advertising and the golden age of money in sports was a thing of the past.

The moral of the column was that sports and franchises had to steal a line from a very old church Sunday school song, "Build upon the rock and not upon the sand."

Sport had, in fact, built its foundation on outside sponsors money, a flimsy foundation that was always in danger of erosion and collapse.

At the heart of the problem was the ever-greedy sportsman himself who kept demanding, and receiving highly-inflated salaries and prizemoney structures that stretched the financial budgets to breaking point.

EROSION

Now, 15 years before the turn of the century, American sport and its multitude of franchises are facing erosion of their monetary foundation. The sand is beginning to wash away.

While the situation has not yet reached catastrophic proportions, the signs are definitely there for a bleak financial future unless the problems can be arrested.

Consider these pertinent facts:

• IN the National Football League, three teams — Denver, Dallas and San Diego were sold this past year and New

Orleans is about to be sold. Only one franchise, San Francisco, had been sold in the previous seven years.

Also in the NFL, there have been two franchise moves in a bid to start afresh in new cities and increase income.

• THE Philadelphia franchise, awash in red ink through its football club problems and personal monetary debts of its owner Leonard Tose, had to be saved from liquidation. The average player's salary has more than doubled from \$78,500 to \$162,000 since 1980. This is due to excessive player demands and the establishment of the rival United States Football League which has forced the NFL into a cheque-book war over the signing of players.

LOSSES

• THE NFL management council believes that many of its 28 teams will lose \$500,000 or more in the next season. The average club could be losing as much as \$3 million a year by 1986. The council expects only six teams to be in the black in 1986 and total losses by all clubs could easily reach more than \$60 million.

• THE USFL, after two years of operation, lost a collective \$80 million for its 18 clubs in 1984. This forced the fledgling league into a massive overhaul in which clubs folded and others were moved to more appealing cities. The USFL has been pruned to 14 teams.

The USFL recently filed an anti-trust suit

against the NFL and has announced its intention of playing head-to-head with the NFL in the fall and winter of 1986. The move is designed to force a merger with the NFL. The NFL, already facing its own major financial problems, will fight the USFL's merger plan to the bitter end.

• BASEBALL is struggling too, and new commissioner Peter Ueberroth let slip recently that no less than eight of the 26 baseball franchises are currently up for sale. Ueberroth would not elaborate on the names of those franchises.

• PROBABLY the most telling fact is an across-the-board decline in television ratings — with the exception of basketball — that has all sports administrators running scared.

While the NFL Superbowl and the Olympics fared well on American television, 1984 coverage of regular NFL football games declined 16 percent on ABC and four percent on NBC. The ratings on ABC and NBC were the lowest since 1970.

DECLINE

Figures just released show that baseball is down 20 percent; college football 17 percent; college basketball 21 percent and ten-pin bowling is down 27 percent.

The Superbowl is the only regular major event to hold steady in the past five years. The World Series of baseball, Wimbledon, The Masters golf, the Kentucky Derby, the Indianapolis 500, the college football bowls, and the NCAA basketball final have all declined in recent years.

Hardly a bright picture when all sports are viewed collectively.

The problem is not a decline in spectator appeal through the turnstiles. For example, attendance at NFL games in 1984 climbed to 13.4 million, the second highest ever. Baseball is

ROD HUMPHRIES is one of the finest sports writers Australia has produced.

I first came into contact with Rod back in the early 1960s when he was a rookie journalist for the SYDNEY MORNING HERALD covering the soccer scene.

Like many, Rod started with soccer although his true loves were boxing and tennis.

He was very close to Lionel Rose, writing the Aboriginal world champion's biography.

But tennis really was Rod's first love.

A fine player himself, he worked for Lamar Hunt's World Championship Tennis in Dallas, Texas, for many years before freelancing as a tennis coach, PR consultant and columnist for THE AUSTRALIAN newspaper, where his first-class column appears every Monday.

I have spent many weeks with Rod on his farm outside of Houston, Texas, and most of those hours discussing Australian sport.

My most recent visit was last December when we spent a week together taking in the multi-million dollar American sports scene.

His recent article in THE AUSTRALIAN has a deep message for Australian sports apart from the obvious American sports scene it is directed towards.

doing fine at the gate and pro basketball attracted more than 10 million fans for the first time ever in its regular season games during the 1984 NBA season.

The problem is very simple franchise and total sport expenses are outstripping income. And the two keys to the problem are players' salaries and television income.

Salaries continue to skyrocket to the point where more than 50 athletes in America earn a million dollars or more a year in straight salary.

As television ratings fall, advertisers are now loath to inject big dollars into waning telecasts which means the television networks cannot offer increased rights to sports and sports franchisers to telecast their games.

RIGHTS FEES

The NFL, for example, has a \$2.1 billion contract with the three networks which produces about \$14 million annually for each of the 28 teams. That \$14 million in turn provides about 60 percent of the income of many franchises.

The NFL's contract with the networks expires in early 1987. In order to continue meeting the ever-increasing expenses, the NFL will need to negotiate a huge increase in its rights fees.

However, with a downward trend in television ratings the NFL is hardly likely to be successful.

The result: more red ink for the NFL owners.

The NFL is only one sports group affected by the problem.

It is true that the NFL and other sports are not without extremely wealthy owners who can keep their

teams afloat on their personal cheque book. But the signs are already there that some owners cannot cut it financially and even if they can some don't want to continue throwing good money after bad.

Also how many wealthy businessmen want to buy into a losing proposition? This fact was rammed home recently when the New Orleans Saints, up for sale for \$70 million could not find private businessmen willing to take up the offer.

RATINGS

The Saints now seem certain to be bailed out by the Hyatt Hotels corporation, which has a financial interest in the Superdome where the Saints play, and an adjacent hotel ... all alive in New Orleans.

While sport has its obvious problems the television industry is also being forced to take a long hard look at the declining ratings.

There is no doubt that the proliferation of sport on television has played its part in diluting the ratings. This problem has been fueled in recent years by the advent of cable, or pay, television, which floods the country with all kinds of sporting events not carried on the major networks.

The sports boom of the late 1970s and early 1980s encouraged the networks and major advertisers to invest in more sport television hours. Minor sporting events blossomed as did trash sports such as "superstars events", "wrestling and exhibition events that bogged the mind.

They have begun to disappear from the screen and the cut backs this year will be significant. Already

ABC has cut its spring pro bowling tour and the long standing "American Sportsman" series.

The previously untouchable ABC Wide World of Sports is being cut from 90 to 60 minutes starting in May.

Rights fees contracts are now being written with clauses that protect the television network or cable network from low ratings.

MINIMAL

The trend in future years on the networks is likely to be less overall coverage but more concentration on high-profile events of general national interest. Cable networks will probably be forced to coverage of more regional interest.

As the television industry does some housecleaning it is likely to have only a minimal effect on the problems facing sport. The housecleaning may reduce the proliferation of sport but it won't necessarily increase the ratings of the major sports.

The networks themselves have given sports in general and franchises in particular enough warnings on the subject of how depressed ratings and revenues will eventually be passed along to sport.

The warnings are there to curb player salaries and cut expenses, because television and its advertisers are not going to pay the freight.

So far only one sport, pro basketball has made a positive move to meet the problems head-on.

Last year the National Basketball Association reached a landmark decision with the NBA Player Association, the trade union, on an anti-drug agreement by far the most forth-

right and comprehensive approach to drugs taken by any sports organisation.

There is no doubt that inflated salaries coupled with the constant reports of drug abuse and arrests of athletes have been a turn-off for the sports fan.

SALARY CAP

But just as important for the NBA was a decision to introduce a "salary cap" on all 23 teams to check salary escalation. Also with the blessing of the Players' Association, each club has a set figure that it can spend on total salaries.

The decision has had a levelling affect on salary expenses and has simultaneously provided competitiveness and parity in team performances. In essence, the salary cap forces teams to think twice about how they spend their money on players and how to make the best use out of every dollar.

The system appears to be working. Not only is it keeping expenses under control, but basketball crowds are at their highest level ever and the final play-off game between the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers in 1984 produced a super television rating ... again the highest ever by the NBA.

It is a start but American sport has a lot of hard work ahead of it to stop the financial erosion.

Athletes are going to have to face the facts. The party is just about over. The goose that laid the golden egg is sick and needs medical attention.

And for sports and sports owners: build upon the rock and not upon the sand.



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KOSSIE IS KEY MAN

□ AUSTRALIAN captain John Kosmina (above), sends two defenders the wrong way in last season's World Soccer Series match between the Socceroos and famous Italian club Juventus (below).

JOHN KOSMINA will be the key player in Australia's World Cup challenge later this year.

Kosmina's early season form confirms in my mind that he is the top player in this country.

As such, and with the additional responsibilities of captaincy, his contribution to our World Cup challenge could be vital.

After a lay-off following his World Cup preparation tour with Frank Arok at the end of the

last year, Kosmina obviously has his appetite for soccer refreshed.

Arok's concern with getting his national team players to peak mental fitness around the end of the year is not misplaced, as we watch the revitalised Kosmina.

John Kosmina is extremely effective in his role as central striker with Sydney City.

He works hard, knows where he is running, and why — all of the time.

Although he does not possess great close dribbling skills nor dynamic speed, he is sharp and receives the ball well.

He shields the ball, shoots accurately with either foot, and heads exceptionally well.

Additional to this, he is extremely competitive.

Indeed it is this aspect of his game that has made him an even better player since joining Sydney City.

CREDIT

Coach Eddie Thomson can take some credit for this.

All coaches have strengths and weaknesses which they bring with them and which influence the players under them.

If you are involved with Raul Blanco you are sure to experience an influence to become

more skilful: the same could be said of Atti Abonyi.

Under Rale Rasic you are likely to become tactically mature.

Under former Sydney City coach Gerry Chal-di your passing will improve as you play the short passing game admired by Jewish people and which brought Sydney City success before the Thomson era.

Thomson, being a British coach, has brought a more direct attacking style to Sydney City and a very competitive attitude.

Scottish players are among the most competitive in the world.

Eddie Thomson learned and played almost all of his soccer in Scotland. That heritage is obvious these days when you watch Sydney City.

DESIRE

Thomson is a good trainer on the field, a sound tactician and a fine judge of players — and he handles players well.

However, the biggest single influence I see in the Sydney City team since he took over is the desire to win.

It is probably most noticeable in Kosmina. Kosmina has been labelled "too hard," or "rough", even "dirty" as has the Sydney City team.

I must say in defence of Kosmina that it is difficult for a striker to be "over-tough."

Defenders have it much easier.

They are continually hitting him as he receives the ball with legitimate challenges that can still be very bruising.

Most of the time he has his back to them.

Kosmina and Marshall Soper have both made it known that they will not take stick from defenders without giving it back.

EXCESS

That calls for courage. Having said that, aggression and arrogance often go hand in hand.

Sydney City and Kosmina have been accused of an excess of both.

Courage is a great human quality, arrogance is a failing, which some would now promote as an asset.

Some years ago while coaching a young John Kosmina at West Adelaide, I told him that he seemed to be trying to get composure into his play at the expense of really competing in the game.

Today, as a grown man, married with a child and years of competing in the business world, he is approaching a maturity that will allow him to make a tremendous contribution to Australia's World Cup challenge.

It will be up to Eddie Thomson and Frank Arok to ensure he is not jaded with too much pressure by the time the World Cup quest is underway.



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□ KIM WISHART dives at the feet of Marshall Soper.

WISHART MUST 'GET SERIOUS'

QUEENSLAND goalkeeper Kim Wishart is chasing Soccerroo selection again this season, and former national coach Les Scheinflug believes the Brisbane City custodian could make it — if he "gets serious".

Scheinflug was impressed with Wishart when City scored their upset 1-0 NSL Cup win over Marconi a fortnight ago.

He said the Brisbane keeper saved the game for City.

But he added, if Wishart hoped to be a serious contender for Frank Arok's national squad, he had to lose some weight.

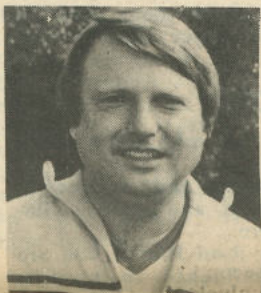
"Wishart has always had the ability. He has got the reflexes and excellent hands. He only needs to get down to a good playing weight and he would have to be con-

sidered by the national coach," Scheinflug said.

The big-framed Wishart did trim down to under 14 stone at the beginning of last year when he made his strongest bid yet for Soccerroo selection.

But after being ignored by Arok, Wishart added a few more pounds — although never losing his agility and reflexes.

Wishart is edging back down to his ideal playing weight. His pre-season form has been outstanding and



□ LES SCHEINFLUG

Wishart talks of national selection — but has learned not to raise his hopes.

"It's something you always have to aim for, but we will just have to wait and see," he said.

One in, one out at the Ridge

LATE pre-season moves this week proved good and bad for Premier League club Acacia Ridge.

Back at the Ridge is Ipswich United striker Murray Kitching, while talented midfielder Brad Ryan has requested a move to Olympic United.

Kitching played with great success at the Ridge three seasons ago. He came on loan then and could possibly play under the same terms this season, but the club is now considering buying him outright.

Ryan has developed over the past two years as one of the Ridge's hardest-working players and will leave a sizeable void in Brian Addison's team.

The former Goodna and Lions player was in fine touch in early pre-season matches but has not played for nearly a month after injuring an ankle during a Silver Boot match at Richlands.

Ryan is the second member of last season's semi-final side to leave Proud Field.

Tough defender Norm Bell is trailing at Lions and now has been given permission to play until May 30.

But in the meantime, Addison

has made a quiet signing coup by snaring former Mareeba State League striker Geoff Mayes on a free transfer.

Addison believes Mayes could be one of the stars of the Premier League this season.

In other Premier League news, Mount Gravatt have enlisted the aid of Senator Boswell to get midfielder Marty Kirsopp back from England.

Kirsopp wants to gain permanent residency in Australia, otherwise he will stay in Newcastle (England).

North Star goalkeeper Bob Vuksan could be back in action within weeks after sustaining only a hairline fracture of the cheekbone in a clash at Perry Park a week ago. It was originally thought his jaw may have been broken.

The Queensland Soccer Federation management committee may be asked to rule on the transfer of talented youngster Andy Ogden. Ogden is out for the season after doctors found a back injury.

Andy, the brother of Lions player John Ogden, was playing with Coalstars and almost certain to be signed from Olympic when the injury was diagnosed.

NIGHTMARE JOB FOR ROBINS

WHEN Queensland assistant coach Fred Robins took on the job of selecting the Brisbane team to play Ipswich at Bundamba this month, he considered it a chance to get back into top soccer.

But the chance which looked so welcome has turned into a nightmare.

Power restrictions and wet weather have caused massive postponements to the Queensland Soccer Federation's XXXX pre-season tournament — Robins' Brisbane team selection trials.

Up to last week, 10 matches had been postponed. With only a week remaining until he had to pick his team, Robins still had not seen either Mount Gravatt or Grange Thistle, both top four Premier League sides in 1984.

And to further com-

BY GREG RUSSELL

plicate his selection dilemma, Robins was involved in a controversy over whether he would consider Lions Premier League players.

It had been wrongly reported that the Lions players would not be included in the Brisbane team, because they were reserve players for the club's National League side.

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Robins admitted he did have some reservations but only because any players he might select could be

picked at late notice for the NSL team and his match plans and team balance could be ruined.

But after discussion with the QSF it was decided to select standby players to cover any Lions players in the Brisbane squad.

"They are not totally out of it and I have been looking closely at one or two Lions players," Robins said.

Because of his limited opportunities to look at players, it seems Robins will have to name his squad largely on reputation only. And if that is the case it could be that his former club Mount Gravatt will feature heavily in the 14-man squad.

Olympic's Craig Low has been the form player of the pre-season and looks a certainty to be picked, as does his team-mate Graham Wilson.

Thistle's Dolan brothers, Jeff and Steve, North Star's Jim Hermiston and Ross Swan and Acacia Ridge's Steve Gallagher are others who come into contention.

PRE-SEASON

While Robins has had difficulties with his selections, his rival, Ipswich coach Ian Johnston, has faced few problems.

Basically his Ipswich squad will come from only two clubs, Ipswich United and Coalstars and both have been seen frequently in the pre-season.

In addition to playing in Lions' Silver Boot competition, Ipswich played in the NSL Cup and Coalstars are among those whose managed to get their XXXX matches played.

The Brisbane-Ipswich match, to be played at Bundamba, is expected to attract one of the biggest soccer crowds in Queensland in years.

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FORMER Brisbane Lions NSL goalkeeper Tony Scanlan has turned to coaching.

Scanlan, 25, who is still on Lions' books will control the Taringa Premier League reserve side, under the direction of first team coach Iain Kesson.

Another Taringa player, former Sydney defender Steve Walsh, has taken on the Rovers' colts.

RIVALS JOIN FORCES

QUEENSLAND'S two NSL coaches — Gordon Arrowsmith (Brisbane Lions) and Tony Lowndes (Brisbane City) have formed a pact to boost the state's chances of success in the League this season.

The two coaches will trade secrets this season to ensure their teams are the best prepared as possible for clashes with "southern" sides.

"I will feed information to Tony on the teams we meet and he will do likewise for me," Arrowsmith said.

"We play the southern teams in a completely different order to each other so the tactics will come in useful."

Both Arrowsmith and Lowndes have had meteoric rises to the NSL and the previous paths have crossed.

Both have coached northside first division club Mitchelton, from there, Arrowsmith switched to the Lions. Premier League team then was promoted into the NSL spot following the departure of Harry Noon last year.

Since then Arrowsmith has gone from strength to strength and guided Lions to the semi-finals last season.

Lowndes, who boasts he has had "more clubs than Jack Nicklaus", came to City from Mitchelton after a successful spell with former Premier League club Wynnum.

Lowndes was a former second team coach with City, and beat well-known candidates for the City job this season.



□ TONY SCANLAN



□ CRAIG LOW: in form.

BANKSTOWN SIGN TONY CABAN

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL have strengthened their squad for the coming New South Wales State League season with the signing of young striker Tony Caban.

Caban came through from the successful 1983 Newcastle KB United youth team to the club's NSL squad last year, but when KB United folded he joined Melbourne NSL outfit Footscray.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Tony is the nephew of Apia Leichhardt centre-forward, Kerry Caban.

Bankstown National have also secured another young player, Paul Darlington from St George.

They also have another former Saints man in their midst ... goalkeeper Don Smith.

Bankstown National's secretary Mr Amed is certain that Bankstown will do well this year: "We'll surprise a few teams this term, as we did Melita in the pre-season series."



□ PAUL ANDRICOPOULOS (left) challenges St George defender David Skeen. Andricopoulos is now back in training with Melita.

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GOOD news for Parramatta Melita followers is that one of their "crocks", Paul Andricopoulos, is well and truly on the road back.

Andricopoulos suffered a bad knee injury at the end of last season but he is now back in full training.

Still to return for the Eagles are regular first teamers Ray Farrugia, Billy Griffiths, John Davies and Alec Jamieson.

Highly-rated young striker Wayne Farnsworth has begun light training but is not likely to play for quite a while yet.

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SURELY the turnabout of the season thus far has been that of Polonia.

A month ago they were in nothing short of a shambles (as reported in ASW's February 19 issue).

But things have changed.

In a dramatic revelation, coach Chico Vojnovic told of the woes of his side, all of 14 players gone.

To say Polonia have gone on in leaps and bounds since then would be understat-

ing the fact. After four rounds of the pre-season series they were on top of Group B, undefeated on seven points.

The point they dropped was in a postponed match versus Rockdale, which cannot be played so the points were shared.

Coach Vojnovic is unmoved by the success of the side: "We are still organising as are all other clubs."

"We had nobody but we now have a team playing for each other. I put faith in the young fellows and they haven't let me down."

"The team is filled with just about all third graders or reserve third graders from last year."

"The two Wagga boys, Jeffrey Halhet and Stefan Janic, are doing fabulously. Janic is only 18 and to be quite frank I don't think he'll be here next year."

"Playing alongside Pop, the Polish import, his effectiveness is being used to the fullest."

"Mohammed who came from Auburn is doing very well also."

"Our defence still needs tightening but with the unique style that we have developed we are looking fine."

"The pre-season series has been a good thing as it has given me a look at the other clubs, and against them we are not as bad as some of our opposition have said ... our results show what I mean."

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AFTER Warringah Narrabeen failed to win any of their first three pre-season games, coach Ljubo Gojovic was moved to say: "We can't expect to match the big clubs like Manly, Rockdale and Melita."

"We are not a wealthy club and have struggled lately. In fact for most of last season the club was battling relegation, eventually finishing third last."

"Our players try so hard but unless they are very ambitious most of them just fall by the wayside."

"It can't be helped though, because we will continue to play second fiddle to Manly."

"I hope some of my new players like David Watt, Ron Geekie and Georgie Akoutas perform."

"So far Akoutas has been very disappointing but that is because of all the travelling he has had to do."

"Akoutas has been with me for over five years. At Olympic, with Kalantzis, Dakos, Patalis and the rest, he looked good but because of his lack of height he wasn't given a chance to make it."

"But he has the technique, no doubt about it."

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PLAY-OFFS at this time of year are far from common-place, but Queens Park Eastern Suburbs are not complaining.

With Revesby Workers now defunct, a spot in Second Division beckoned for either Queens Park or Granville.

Queens Park made short work of that poser by whipping Granville to the tune of 6-1.

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MANY people in soccer have criticised the State League pre-season series for such things as lack of competitiveness and date clashes with the Ampol and NSL Cups.

However Warringah Narrabeen coach Ljubo Gojovic is all for it, claiming: "It gives us as well as other clubs the chance to generally design a settled team and get players in their best positions and best possible shape."

NSW STATE LEAGUE PRE-SEASON SERIES

IT'S AN AVALA POLONIA FINAL

BY FRANK COLETTA

ON what was a typical summer's day, Ku-ring-gai took hold of the lead against Group B leaders Polonia after 14 minutes and refused to yield in defence from then on.

It was such a day that it was hard to expect 100 percent from the players but both sides gave it and more.

The match tapered off slowly in the second half and by the final minutes players were so effected by the heat that they were begging to be replaced.

Ku-ring-gai certainly dominated the first half, hitting the front in the 14th minute when man of the match Mark Nile put a beautiful pass to Neil Hunter, who drew out the goalie Marcon and neatly tucked the ball home.

Although Ku-ring-gai worked hard for their lead, Polonia began playing like a team of new faces and on occasions looked as though they hadn't been introduced to each other.

However Polonia got their act together somewhat during the second half and were unlucky not to score when a shot by Pop was cleared off the line.

Late in the second half Ku-ring-gai were down to 10 men after Nile limped off with a pulled hamstring. He was unable to be replaced because both replacements were already on the field.

Nile is subsequently in doubt for next week's match against Melita, which is tragic luck for the youngster who was by far the best on the park yesterday as he continually took on his opponents and beat them.

For Polonia Henry Sobczyk did a lot with the ball and Pop was in good touch.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Goldsworthy, Jesse, Bertram, Farrell, Dean, Sutherland, Ellem (A. Williamson), Nile, Bourke, Hunter (N. Williamson).

POLONIA: Marcon, A. Collusso, Cislek, Falzon, Lasek, Hatton, Cau (Foukes), Sobczyk, Mohammed (Young), Pop, Janic.

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IN a very rugged match where four men were booked, Group A leaders Avala downed the persistent Bankstown National side 2-1.

In a muggy, humid atmosphere, Avala were repeatedly unlucky not to score.

An even opening 20 minutes ended with inside forward Ray Carney scoring, to give Avala a half-time lead of 1-0.

It was a fine match to watch, not lacking commitment or goal-

mouth action from both sides. In fact many people at the game expressed their surprise at the fast pace the match was played in.

Glen Jeffery sealed the match with a penalty kick in the second half, but Bankstown were not throwing in the towel.

Their persistence paid off when a looping cross was headed into the Avala net ... albeit by Avala's defender John Lembryk.

It was quite noticeable after this that the morale of the Avala side lagged quite a bit and once again sounds out a warning that on occasions their temperament can work against them.

Avala's win left them with 10 points out of the possible 10 and playing Polonia in the pre-season final ... which should make for an interesting match.

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IN the second match of the afternoon at Chopin Park, between Sutherland and Rockdale, a cooling breeze provided comfort for the spectators but judging by the standard of play on the field it did nothing for the players.

The only goal of the game came at the 12th minute mark when 18-year-old Andrew Duncan converted an opportunity from close range.

A cross was whipped across by Gray from the left flicked on by Nigel Groome and Duncan was on hand to score.

Despite Rockdale's huge following and reputation, Sutherland took the game up to their opposition and were by far the better team and wholly deserved their win.

Apart from Ross Brown up-front, Rockdale had little to offer and looked like a side suffering from all the experimental positional changes it had.

Sutherland's was an all-round team effort with only Groome standing out.

SUTHERLAND: Birchmore, Rogers, Terry, Burrows, Dal Forno, Tasker, Harrington, Groom, Hall, Gray, Duncan.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos, Blackburn, Forrester, G. Wilson (Bimperio), D. Wilson, Nasteviski, Campanella, Slaveski, Papas, Brown, Gardikiotis.

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"FUNNY things can happen in soccer" ... it's a hackneyed phrase but can be so true as Melita found out yesterday against Manly at Cromer Park.

Melita dominated the match entirely and should have won comfortably, instead through two second half lapses in defence they went down 2-1.

Manly officials were quick to admit after the game that they were lucky.

Harry Courm, president of the Manly club, said: "Melita were the better side and should have won, but we took our two chances and took the points."

Ron Beattie claimed: "Melita played the better football and our keeper Ian Barker was forced to make some good saves."

Kenny Wilson opened the scoring for Melita after 13 minutes and from then on Melita's midfield of Wilson, Vial, Jamieson and Griffiths (both back from injury in this match) took the game in an iron-like grip.

Apart from Wayne Pierce hitting the crossbar with a header, Manly never looked like replying to Wilson's goal.

Then in the last five minutes Manly struck and mainly through the strong running by centre-forward Mark Holloway.

Holloway scooted clear in the 75th minute and crossed only to see a hand-ball occur outside the area. From the ensuing free-kick John Dick was served by Tom Steven and belted an 18 metre shot into the net.

With a minute of injury-time on the watch, Holloway was off again this time he got inside the area and was brought crashing down by the keeper. Holloway lifted himself up and duly converted the penalty to give Manly victory.

MANLY: Barker, Gebrael, S. Dick (Pierce), J. Dick, Foy, Pagano, Steven, Campbell, Williamson (Gogic), Holloway, Stuart (Doyle).

MELITA: Popovac, Laling, O'Rourke, McAusland, Wilson (Williams), Griffiths (McKie), Jamieson, Vial, Allan, Walker, Hensman.

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OTHER RESULTS: Uruguay Auburn 0 Canterbury 0 Warringah 0 Fairy Meadow 1

MASS EXODUS HAS POLONIA IN SHAMBLES

BY FRANK COLETTA

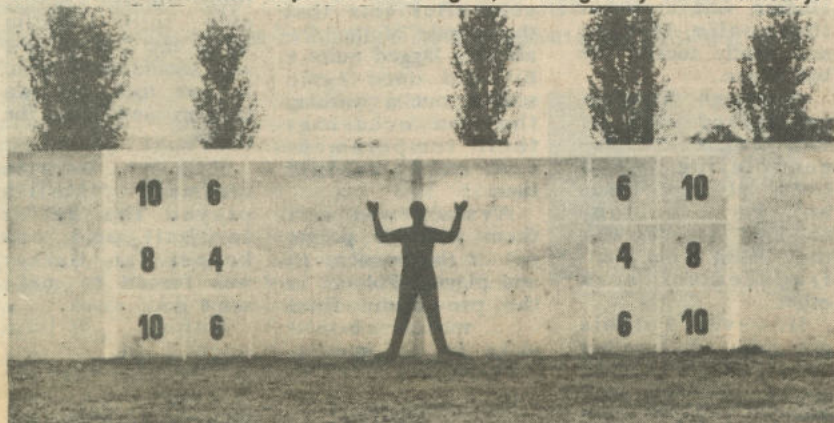
IT would seem certain that Polonia's new coach Chico Vojnovic has earned himself a true baptism of fire in taking over the reins at Polonia.

This season Polonia's players decided coincidentally to leave en masse, leaving club officials unaware.

□ LEFT: ASW reported on Polonia's woes a month ago. How things have changed for coach Chico Vojnovic.



□ STRIKERS are always under pressure from defenders. Here, Sydney Olympic and Australia's Marshall Soper shoots for goal, challenged by Chris Dunleavy.



• Although opposition is important in shooting practice, you can practice on your own if you can make a goal on a wall, chalk in target areas, improvise by having markers for opponents and test your accuracy.

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SHOOTING SKILLS ARE SO VITAL

By NSW Director of Coaching, Alan Vest

GOALSCORING is the essence in soccer.

The superiority of one team over another may be gauged by the number of goalscoring chances each team creates.

But that's only part of the story, for unless these chances are turned into goals that superiority will not be converted into victory.

Often when we practice shooting or when players go out on their own, they merely hit shots at the goal-keeper from a standing position.

This is okay for working on techniques of striking a ball or even for goalkeeper practice, but a lot of good practices are where players are put into situations as nearly as possible identical to the shooting chances that occur in a competitive game.

Only rarely are players allowed the luxury of shooting for goal "in their own time" with no challenge coming in. Even in these circumstances there is usually a recovering defender chasing back not very far away.

A drill-type practice which allows practice at running with the ball, knowing a defender is chasing, but able to work on accuracy and getting the ball past the goalkeeper in between the posts, is:

• Player B faces A about two metres apart on halfway line. B knocks ball past A, who turns to try and score. B becomes recovering defender.

Watch matches shown on TV and note how goals are scored. Usually the scoring player is under heavy pressure from challenging opponents.

That's why it's often important to practice shooting for goal with opponents very much in attendance.

• This can be done in a simple 1 v 1 situation where the attacking player must firstly attempt to beat a defender before hitting his shot on target.

Always in your shooting practices try to include all or some of the following elements:

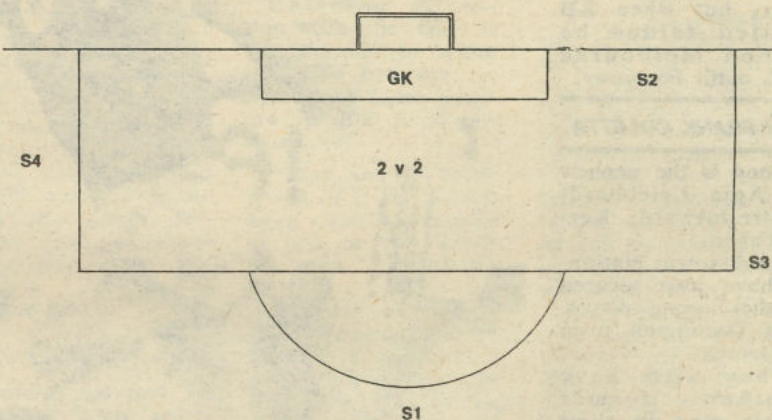
1. Proper goals and of course a goal-keeper.

2. Opposition either in the form of a recovering defender or a defender you must pass. Sometimes even three or four defenders between you and your team-mates.

3. Work with varying serves. For example, balls being crossed into penalty area, through-balls, clearances.

Here are a few practices to try:

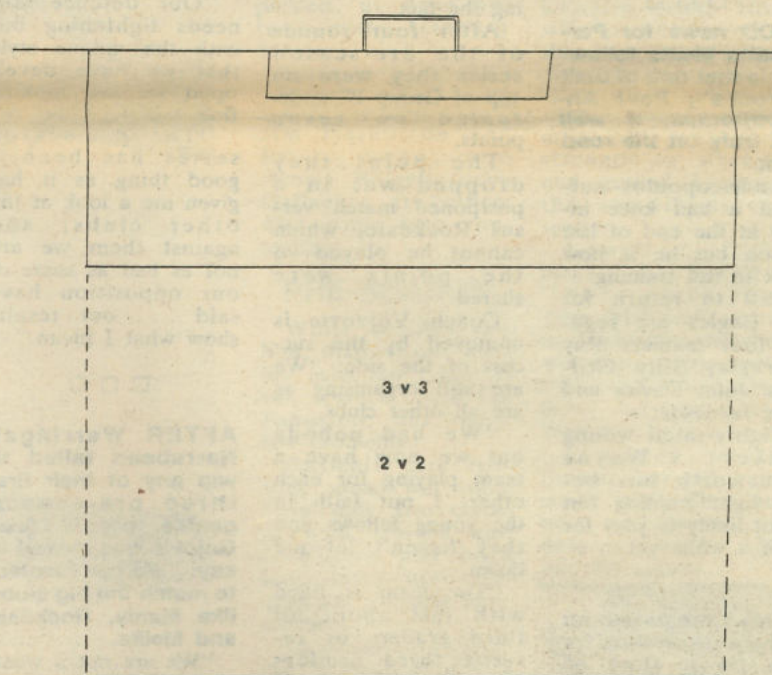
• Eight players change to different roles and goalkeeper:



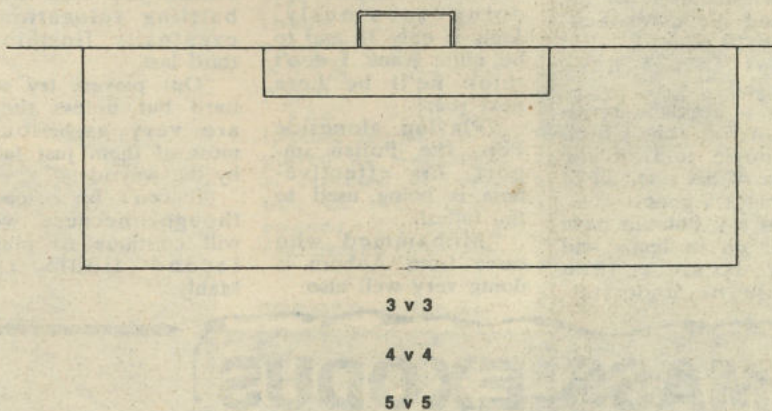
S1 — plays ball to attackers from central position
S2 — crosses ball from flanks
S3 — pulls ball back to attackers from goal-line
S4 — throws ball in to give practice from half-clearances

• 3 v 3 or 2 v 2 plus goalkeepers in normal-sized goals:

Small area gives plenty of opportunity for shots.



Other players act as retrievers at side and behind goal, then change roles



Servers serving ball in from different angles

REMEMBER, GOALS WIN GAMES!

International Profile



SUSAN MONTEATH

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SUSAN MONTEATH, aged 25, together with Australian captain Julie Dolan, probably have played more games for Australia than any other players.

Susan is the current Queensland captain, the state which holds the national championship, as well being the Australian vice-captain.

This magnificent player captains the state team from midfield and is a tiger in the tackle as well as a quality ball-distributor not to mention a great team organiser.

In the recent World Women's Invitational Tournament in Taiwan, Susan starred with consistent performances for the national team.

Against the USA, Susan played a magnificent match as she hurled her lightly-framed body repeatedly into bone-crushing tackles against the far more solidly built American girls.

In fact, in this match, Susan's outstanding performance, both in defence as well as attack, was by far the best performance I have ever seen in any class of Women's Soccer.

She was magnificent, despite coming off at the end of the match completely shattered and covered with abrasions.

BIRTHDATE: July 26, 1959.

BIRTHPLACE: Brisbane, Qld.

HEIGHT: 5'3"

PLAYING POSITIONS: Over the years, striker, defender and midfielder.

OCCUPATION: High School teacher in Maths and Science.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Newmarket, Southside, Eagles, Eastern, Grange Thistle.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Elton John, Billy Joel and most other popular music.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Chris Plummer, Richard Gere.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Sandra Brentnall.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYERS: West Germany's striker No 10, Silvia Neid and midfielder No 2, Anne Knupp, Trevor Brooking and Glenn Hoddle.

WHAT IMPRESSED YOU MOST AT THE WORLD TOURNAMENT IN TAIWAN? "It gave us the opportunity to see the world's greatest players and best teams. It was a tremendous experience for all the Australian girls. It also gave us a chance to mix with players from all over the world."

WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST WHEN OVERSEAS? "The poor preparation of the squad prior to leaving for tournaments. Also the great financial burden to most of the girls to represent our country."

ADVICE TO OFFICIALS FOR FUTURE TOURS: "Better team preparation, greater travel subsidies for the players and an overall improvement of administration with thought, generally."



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SUSAN BLOCKS USA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SUSAN MONTEATH, Queensland captain and vice-captain of the Australian team, turned in a spectacular, world-class performance for Australia in the World Women's Invitational Tournament in Taiwan against the United States.

Australia dropped a valuable point in the tournament in the first match, allowing Japan a 2-2 draw, yet still looked lethargic against a far more physical USA side.

That is until Monteath made her presence felt with fierce, well-timed tackles that repeatedly broke up the American build-ups.

A free-kick 30 metres out taken by the Australian captain Julie Dolan in the 24th minute, saw little Margaret Petrov, making her debut for Australia in the midfield, race in from the right and blast a vicious, first-time shot at the target.

Although the giant 6'1" American goalkeeper managed to take Petrov's rocket-hit high up, the power-laden shot forced the goalkeeper over the goal-line for Australia's first goal.

The USA hit back immediately after this goal when they went perilously close to scoring, hitting the Australian cross-bar

from a free-kick at the other end.

The blonde Monteath, time after time raced across from her midfield position to execute splendid covering tackles to save Australia.

Twelve minutes before half-time, Monteath ripped her way through the American midfield from her own half, to unleash a 30 metre thunderbolt shot that screamed centremetres past the Americans' left post.

Five minutes after half-time, USA levelled the scoreline from close-range and it was not until five minutes from the end that Monteath combined with Dolan to set up Leigh Wardell for a 15 metre drive for the winner.

Monteath was superb, with her magnificent performance for Australia, giving a display of strong, non-stop tackling as well as linking up to get her strikers going. It was an outstanding, world class performance, the best I have ever seen from an Australian player.

Margaret Petrov and striker Renaye Iserief never stopped trying, getting through a high work-rate for Australia.

AUSTRALIA: Salmons; Langlaar, J. Millman, Van Bruinessen, K. Millman; Petrov, Dolan, Monteath, Oakley; Iserief, Wardell.

Olympic girls' sponsor

SYDNEY OLYMPIC's women's team have secured a juicy sponsorship for their 1985 season.

The sponsor is the Florida Fresh Orange Juice Company, who will sponsor as well as supply the Olympic girls with their tracksuits and full playing strips.

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International Profile



KRISTEN THEILE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

KRISTEN THEILE, aged 23, a powerful defender in the national team, comes from the Sydney club Killarney, which supplied no less than four players to the national team to compete in the World Women's Invitational Tournament.

Vicky Salmons, Mandi Langlaar and Margaret Petrov, all Killarney girls, as well with Kristen to Taiwan.

But Kristen, an established right-back for Australia and midfielder for her club, lost her position in the national team to club team-mate Langlaar for Australia's first two matches in the Tournament against Japan and the USA.

In the third match, against the crack world champions West Germany, Australia was on the ropes as the German girls, with monotonous regularity, bombarded Vicky Salmons' goals.

Midway through the second half, Australia's coach Jim Selby was forced to bring on Kristen to replace Jan Oakley in the midfield.

Salmons, the Australian goalkeeper turned in a spectacular performance, whilst Kristen supplied bite and steel in the midfield with bone-crushing tackles.

These two players enabled Australia to get out of jail and scramble home with a precious scoreless draw against the world champions.

BIRTHDATE: October 16, 1961.

BIRTHPLACE: Wahroonga, Sydney.

HEIGHT: 5'6"

PLAYING POSITIONS: Midfielder at club-level, defender for Australia.

OCCUPATION: Garden nursery-hand.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Killarney Heights, Forest.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: New wave.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Harrison Ford and Jessica Lange.

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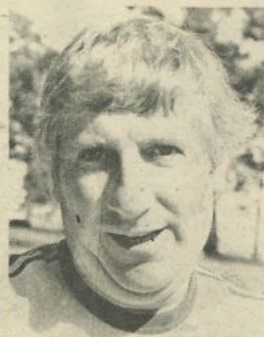
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WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST WHEN OVERSEAS? "The overall bad organisation as we experienced when we went to China only a few weeks previously, where we were exposed to terrible conditions, especially with accommodation."

ADVICE TO OFFICIALS FOR FUTURE TOURS: "We must get our touring national teams into camp before they leave Australia for tournaments overseas."

AUSTRALIA'S U16 SQUAD

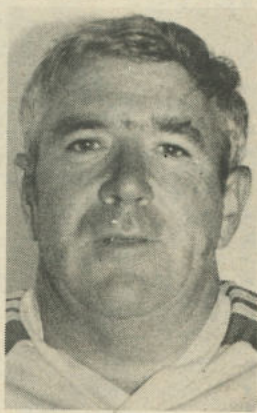
The officials FIFA CHANGE



VIC DALGLEISH, started his coaching in the Glasgow Schools FA, and in Australia has had a deal of success with various clubs in the NSW State League.

Last season he took over a disjointed Ku-ring-gal squad and lifted them through to fifth position.

This year he is with Avala, but he will have to hand over the reins when he takes the Australian Under 16s to China in late July. Surely this will be his biggest test in soccer. He successfully brought his Australian squad through the Oceania tournament in Auckland in December 1983 to win the trip to Beijing (Peking).



ROD WOODS is National Junior Council secretary and co-manager of the Australian Under 16 team for China. Currently he is secretary of the big Ku-ring-gal District Association, which covers a huge slice of Sydney's north shore and through to the Hawkesbury River. He is former secretary of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation. As a player he reached St George's reserve grade and then obtained an advanced coaching badge with the NSW churches FA. Rod says: "The FIFA Under 16 tournament is the best thing to happen to junior soccer in Australia."

FIFA has made a surprising reversal in its late finalisation of the qualifying date of birth for the World Youth Tournament Finals in China.

All countries have been proceeding on the basis that players had to be born on or after January 1, 1969.

This arrangement has been torn up and players must now be born on or after August 1, 1968, which was the original arrangement.

National Junior Council secretary Rod Woods said that this would oblige U16 Soccer coach Vic Dalglish to further review eligibility of players for the squad, which will compete in China from July 31 to August 11 this year.

Three players who were in the successful Australian team in Auckland last December will have to be rechecked.

They are Andrew Nicholson (full-back, Northern NSW), Carado Nobile (goalkeeper, Victoria) and Alfie Catalano (striker, Queensland).



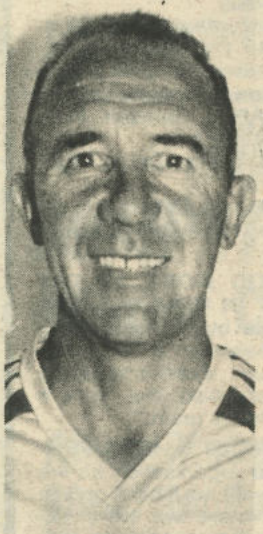
Birthdate: 21/2/69
Position: Midfielder
State: NSW
Club: Sydney Olympic
Association/League: NSW Youth League
School: Drummoyne Boys High
Main honours as player: State captain 1981, 82, three years for NSW, Australia U15s 1982.
Ambition in sport: To improve my game and reach the highest standard of soccer possible here or overseas.
Ambition in life: Complete NSW Higher School Certificate and hopefully be a PE teacher, and live a reasonable lifestyle.
Age commenced Soccer: 4½
First Club: Five Dock RSL
Other Sports: Water polo, indoor cricket, sailing.



STAN DYE is a former president of the Queensland Junior Soccer Council and now senior vice-president. Stan is president of the National Junior Council and co-manager of the Australian Under 16 team.



VICTORIA'S Alan Alexander came to Sydney recently to help in preparation of the Under 16 Soccerroos for the China trip. He is currently assistant coach of the Victorian Under 16 team and previously coached the Garden State's Under 13, 14 and 15 teams.



THESE four coaches are amongst those who have been assisting Vic Dalglish prepare the Under 16 Soccerroos.
FROM LEFT: BRIAN WILLIAMSON, (a goalkeeper in the English First Division) and JOHNNY HAYNES, who are currently assisting Dalglish with NSW State League club Avala. Also on the job were BOBBY GOODWIN, a real enthusiast from Canberra, and young but keen NICK JOY.



GREGA'S POST IN A.C.T.

THE appointment of Karen Grega as the ACT Soccer Federation's development officer represents a great leap forward for the code in the National Capital.

The plot is to actively market soccer and provide a more professional level of administration to further the game in the playing, refereeing and coaching areas of operation.

Soccer will be promoted through the media and to other local and interstate soccer bodies.

More importantly still, every endeavour will be made to reach the business sector and the community generally.

Karen Grega has a particular insight to ACT affairs having worked in marketing and advertising at Capital 7 TV for two and half years. She holds a Bachelor of Business Communications degree.

In 1983, she was full-time executive administrator of Canberra Arrows in the NSL.

Her standing is further enhanced by having played the sport

in women's ranks and refreshing for three years in Queensland.

Success in this appointment will clearly demonstrate the value of full-time development officers in other states.

It is generally recognised that big soccer states such as Queensland, Northern NSW and NSW cannot continue to progress without more professional staff.

Queensland has made organisational progress thanks to the on the spot availability of this regional directors of coaching in cities throughout the state.

Coaches, being employed on a full-time basis, are able to keep a weather eye out for organisational innovations as well.

The ACT has just on 6,000 junior players plus 80 local senior teams playing in competitions as diverse as local amateurs through to the National League.

BUMPY ROAD TO SUCCESS

BY FRANK FINLAY

MORE help is needed for junior and schools coaches from country towns and cities far removed from the capitals of Australia.

This is my definite summing up after seeing boys from the south and west of NSW gather for trials for country selection at Parklea.

The boys try to prove that they are worthy of positions in the U13, 14 and 16 NSW Country junior representative teams.

For many the going is not easy. They may have blunt determination or even style, but they can lack polish and potential star qualities.

Where they fall by the wayside I can only hope that they realise that not everyone can make it.

Only too often the reason for their not reaching acceptable standards of football is that the coaches and "father" coaches who look after them do not fully understand what is required of them.

I do not blame the parents for their willingness to assist, but without an additional layer of specialist coaches not enough can be accomplished.

I hope that under people such as NSW director of coaching Alan Vest we will be able to get a good country service so that the players and the game can go ahead. In past days Eric Arneil did much for the country in this regard.

It seems to me that there are a few lads who have outstanding acumen and a robot-like sense of timing that indicates outstanding potential.

If they continue on as they are doing they will later be able to win a place in the

gigantic overseas soccer market.

Players such as Puskas, Kocsis, Pele, Rossi, Facchetti, Cruyff, Ball, Moore and Beckenbauer have thrilled much of the world.

I have seen a few boys who can taunt and invite opposing

players to charge in the Gerry Francis style.

It is to be hoped that the moves being made in country soccer and by local NSW coaches will produce a few such players to grace the Australian scene in future.

SCHOLARSHIP FIRST FOR QUEENSLAND

THE Queensland Junior Soccer Council will create an Australian first by offering an overseas scholarship this season.

The scholarship has been made possible following a sponsorship from Theiss Contractors, with the assistance of Lufthansa German Airlines.

A player will be selected from the state's thousands of juniors to spend three weeks in Europe.

"This is the first time in Australia that a state junior council has offered an overseas trip to an individual. It's a tremendous incentive for every young soccer player and certainly a step in the right direction for the code,"



□ GEORGE PAGAN

Queensland Junior Soccer Council president Andy Boscacci said.

The Theiss Contractors Youth Scholarship will be offered to a player aged between 14 and 15 years and will be announced following the state championships in July.

Players can nominate for the award through their zone coach. The winner will be picked by a panel selected by the QJSC.

In addition to the coaching at Hennef, the player will take part in games against Dutch and West German youth teams. The scholarship is an extension to the highly successful Lufthansa Youth Soccer Tours, which under the direction of state Under 15 coach George Pagan, are in their fourth year.



JUNIOR SCENE

Compiled
by Keith
Gilmour



MAJOR PROJECT FOR BATHURST

THE entry of Bathurst 75 into the NSW Youth League certainly poses problems of logistics that exceed even those of the other seasoned travellers. Central Coast and Illawarra.

Travelling from the Gosford and Wollongong areas to matches is one thing — from Bathurst and Oberon is another!

To come from well over the Blue Mountains to every away game is a huge task to undertake, especially where four teams playing at different kick-off times are involved.

Local official Bruce Rooke is confident costs have been cut to the bone and every attempt is being made to maximise the revenues.

Backing up the club is a good sponsorship from SportsScene, who recently entered the sports equipment supply business in Bathurst.

The idea is to hire three mini-buses to cart the squads to their away games.

Home fixtures have been set down for Proctor Park, Russell St Bathurst, which is headquarters for the local association.

Bruce Rooke believes that Bathurst 75 will thrive in '85 without causing undue hardship for local clubs in Mitchell Association.

He said: "We have found that many of the best young players in the area have come back to the game to join our teams."

"They found that there was not enough competition for them in local grades and are looking for the challenge that Youth League football will bring."

Last season the local association made a valiant attempt to join the NSW Youth League under its own banner.

Now they have made it thanks to the Bathurst 75 Soccer Club, which, like other Youth League newcomers Campbelltown City, operate seniors in NSW State League Second Division.

TOUGH COMPETITION IN YOUTH LEAGUE

GRADINGS made for the 1985 U13/U16 Youth League will ensure more even competition for clubs in membership.

Close results cannot of course be guaranteed right through the grades. Some clubs might be strong in one or two grades and weaker in others.

However, an overall decision needed to be made to ensure the best matches that could be arranged as all grades must play in succeeding matches on the same ground.

This year the competition kicks off on Sunday week (March 31) and thereafter Saturday fixtures will be played.

Results are to be phoned to competition secretary Howard Smith 686 1503 by the representative of the home club/association between 5.30/7pm on the day of the match.

The full groupings are:

GROUP A: St George Assn, Sydney Olympic, Apia Leichhardt, Nepean Assn, Sutherland Shire Assn, Blacktown City, Marconi Fairfield, Illawarra Assn, Granville Assn, Canterbury-Marrickville.

GROUP B: Melita Eagles, Baulkham Hills, Central Coast Assn, Sydney Croatia, Southern Districts Assn, Ku-ring-gai Assn, Manly Warringah Assn, Avala, Gladesville-Hornsby Assn, North Bankstown.

GROUP C: Macarthur Assn, Bankstown Assn, Blacktown Assn, Sydney City, Canterbury Assn, Sydney Yugal, Campbelltown City, Bathurst 75, Rockdale Ilinden.

CAMPBELLTOWN ENTRY BOOST

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY have taken the big jump and will be playing in the NSW U13/U16 Youth League this season.

Securing the satellite city and the huge area that surrounds it is certainly a coup for the League.

It is essential that the soccer code has a big presence in the area, which will continue to be one of the main growth areas on the perimeter of Sydney.

Campbelltown has been included in Group C along with the local Macarthur Association, so there will be big local derbies ahead.

Campbelltown's home ground will be Lyn-

wood Park in Rangers Rd, Wedderburn, whilst Macarthur are centered on Ponderosa Park at Camden.

Campbelltown City senior club won promotion to the NSW State League Second Division last season.

Junior club secretary Conchita Maulgout said: "The trial games have shown us a certain amount but we do not yet know exactly what to expect."

"To secure the best players we can we have recruited from our own club, from other Macarthur Association clubs and generally wherever we could find good young players."

"Fund-raising has been pushed as far as possible. We were particularly pleased to secure Homecraft Campbelltown as sponsors and their name will appear on the jumpers."

Coaches for the four grades are: U13 Bob Tempest; U14 Cec Reynolds; U15 Henry Tapia; U16 Karl Berdthent.

FUN IN GOLD COAST SUN

A FUN in the sun holiday soccer camp will be staged on the Gold Coast next month.

The camp, at Tal-lebudgera from April 9-12, will feature some of the best soccer coaches and former players in Queensland, including Col Bennett, Jim Hermiston, Ron Millman and Matt Carson.

Similar type camps were staged several years ago and proved to be huge successes.

Camp organiser Matt Carson said the emphasis would be on learning soccer while having fun.

"There will be no pressure to perform brilliantly, as long as the boys learn something while having a good time," he said.

Activities at the camp, which will cost \$120, will include not only expert coaching and matches but also involve sessions of gymwork, volleyball, tennis and swimming.

McNAUGHT FACES BUSY SEASON WITH SCHOOLS

GREG McNAUGHT, of East Hills Boys High School, has taken over the post of NSW Combined High Schools soccer convenor from long serving Gareth Williams.

He faces a very active season which will open with matches in the boys' and girls' knockout cups, commencing on April 19.

Once again the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup will be the big event for the boys. A total of 273 high schools have entered this magnificent competition.

The girls compete for the Ku-ring-gai Cup. It is a mark of the increasing popularity of soccer amongst the fairer sex that a splendid total of 207 high schools have entered the competition this year.

HOLDERS

Current holders of the Cup are Epping Boys High School, and Oxley High School, Tamworth, for the girls.

It takes a deal of grit and ability to win through and claim the trophy.

Last year Epping had to beat Balmain, Cromer, North Sydney, Normanhurst, Davidson, Whitebridge (Newcastle Region) and Cab-

ramatta before winning the final 1-0 from Henry Kendall of Gosford at Marconi Stadium.

North Sydney Region will host this year's Boys Inter-

Regional titles under excellent conditions at Manly-Warringah's Cromer Park, Dee Why, from June 25-27.

Girls Inter-Regional takes place at Marconi Stadium from Ju-

ly 16/18.

The Australian Championship moves to Canberra this year from September 2-7.

Departmental approval has been requested for an eight-

day tour of New Zealand's North Island for both the NSW Open boys and girls teams.

This would take place in the first week of the August school holidays, just prior to the Australian Championships.



□ DARREN NEILSON of Townsville controls the ball in Queensland's Gino Paris Cup, with Mt Isa players in close attendance.

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Barcelona success was never easy

DANIEL BERTONI, Argentina's outstanding World Cup star, is to become a naturalised Italian. It seems a reasonable move. After all, he's been making a handsome living in Italian football for many years.

IN the 1985 Copa Brasil, Flamengo from Rio de Janeiro fill top place with 11 points out of a possible 12.

There are 20 teams, from various areas, involved.

Guarani and Gremio, on 10 points, are closest to Flamengo.

SPANISH football could face a revolutionary change in the points system if "foreigner" Terry Venables gets his way.

Venables, who has steered Barcelona to a huge lead in the first division, wants teams to get four points for a win, two points for a score draw and only one for a scoreless draw.

Surprisingly, most coaches in Spain like the Venables plan.

One who doesn't is Enzo Ferrari of Real Zaragoza, who says: "Changing the points system has not improved English football and I don't see why it would improve our game."

But Venables says: "I am happy most coaches agree with me because it proves they are all in favour of more attacking football."

QUESTIONS were asked in the Italian Parliament about a football match between Napoli and Verona.

The game was drawn but television replays indicated Napoli had scored a perfectly good goal which the referee refused to award.

Unfortunately, the disallowed goal cost millions of Italian Football Pools punters hard cash and they are naturally angry about it.

In Parliament, Senator De Onofrio complained: "This is not just a football matter. Millions of people who do not watch the games invest huge amounts on Toto-Calcio and the mistake by the referee has cost them money."

LUIS DEL SOL was one of the great names of the great Real Madrid side which beat Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3 in Glasgow in the 1960 European Cup Final ... the best European final ever staged.

Del Sol suffered a heart attack in Seville recently and died.

He was only 49.

His passing brought instant messages of sympathy from his former Real Madrid team-mates Puskas and Di Stefano.

DANIEL PASSARELLA has signed a new contract with Fiorentina in Italy and it will cover the next two years.

The former Argentine World Cup-winning captain is 31.

His earnings during the two years will be about \$6,000 per week.

MARADONA'S disappointing form for Napoli persuaded the great Argentinian to call for help ... from a professional witch.

Her name is Rita Moccia and it is said she arrives for appointments by broom!

Funny or not, Rita has persuaded Maradona to wear a little red silk bag next to his skin.

The bag contains a magic potion which the witch claims will ward off a curse put on Maradona by Barcelona's vice-president Juan Gaspart.

CENTRAL AMERICA'S "Player of the Year" is Roberto Figueroa of Honduras — but he doesn't play there.

Figueroa is with Murcia in the Spanish first division.

Runner-up in Central America was Jorje Gonzalez of El Salvador but he, too, plays in Spain ... for Real Valladolid.

YUGOSLAVIAN international Ranko Dordic has been transferred from Red Star Belgrade to Sweden's IFK Norrkoping.

FERNANDO MORENA, the outstanding Uruguayan forward, has been banging in goals for the past 16 years — but there won't be any more.

Morena has retired from the game.

His goal-tally is a huge 667, for Penarol, Boca Juniors and Valencia.

MARIO KEMPES has finally found himself a club.

The hero of Argentina's 1978 World Cup win was discarded by Valencia at the end of last season and had trials in London with Spurs.

He also trialled with plenty of other clubs without being offered suitable terms, and it seemed he would end his career playing indoor soccer in the USA.

Now Mario has been fixed up. He has joined Spanish club Hercules of Alicante.

WITH Barcelona now just about certain of the Spanish first division championship, life has become a little easier for manager Terry Venables and his assistant Allan Harris.

The pair, however, deny they have had an easy passage.

Harris said: "People in England who say this job has been simple have no idea of what is involved."

"Right from the start, we had to tighten discipline — and convince the players that they had to accept it."

British coaches have failed many times when they've ventured into Europe, so it would be wrong to under-estimate the magnificent job achieved at Barcelona by the Venables-Harris duo.

There are now strong rumours that Venables will return to England as boss man at QPR but, if he

did, he would be throwing away enormous cash to be picked up in Spain or Italy.

More likely, Venables will carry on in Europe until he gets the real job he wants in the UK ... as manager of England's international team.

That position is unlikely to be declared vacant for some time.



□ **TERRY VENABLES**

OUT GOES PFAFF



BAYERN MUNICH didn't take kindly to the terms suggested by their Belgian international goalkeeper Jean Marie Pfaff (pictured) when they discussed a new contract.

Pfaff, no chicken at 31, wanted a five-year contract, plus another coaching contract to take him up to the year 2000.

Bayern made a counter-offer. They gave Pfaff a free transfer and said he could leave at the end of the season!

Paris St Germain are tipped to sign him.

FRANZ UNDER FIRE

WEST GERMANY'S in-and-out international form has angered the fans and given coach Franz Beckenbauer plenty of problems.

There is pressure on Beckenbauer to ignore stars like Hans Peter Briegel and Karl Heinz Rummenigge because it is alleged they play better for clubs in Italy than for the fatherland!

Of course all was forgiven — apparently — when the Germans bounced back for a valuable 2-1 World Cup elimination victory over Portugal in Lisbon.



□ **FRANZ BECKENBAUER**

DUTCHMAN ON MOVE

HOLLAND'S international centre-half Ernie Brandts of PSV Eindhoven looks sure to move to an English club.

Last year, Manchester United fancied Brandts but refused to pay the \$700,000 asking fee.

Now Spurs have watched the player in action for Holland against Cyprus and, although he was not tested in the 7-1 victory, the player did enough to interest watching Spurs boss Peter Shreeves.

PSV now want \$500,000 for

Brandts and Spurs are prepared to pay — but there has also been renewed interest from Manchester United.

REAL WILL BUY

REAL MADRID, desperate to recapture former glories, are searching the world for a top forward.

Their main target is Zibi Boniek of Juventus.

Real would willingly pay \$1,500,000 for his transfer.

ROSSI READY TO GO

PAOLO ROSSI is a very proud man and that's why he now appears sure to be leaving Juventus.

Juventus coach Trapattoni has substituted the great Rossi in six matches this season.

Top players don't like that sort of treatment.

HIGH JUMP FOR JUPP?

NOTHING has gone right for former West German World Cup coach Jupp Derwall since he moved to Galatasaray in Turkey.

Derwall's team is seventh in the table and the club chairman called Derwall "a lazy German", accusing him of not attending training session.

It didn't help Jupp's cause when he was appointed adviser to Turkey's World Cup team and then saw it beaten at home 8-0 by England.

UK Scene

PAT KEEPS GOING

ARSENAL goalkeeper Pat Jennings, who played his 108th international match for Northern Ireland against England, equalling Bobby Moore's British record for England, has no thoughts about hanging up his gloves.

Even though Jennings has been in Arsenal's reserve team since November and does not have a new contract, he is determined to play next season — when he is 41.

"After 21 years in the First Division, I

don't think I have anything to prove," said Jennings, "but I want to carry on playing."

Jennings is expected to pass Moore's 108 cap record when the Irishmen tackle Turkey in the World Cup in Belfast on May 1.

THE BEST 'CRAB'

FORMER England skipper Emyln Hughes does not agree with Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson on the subject of Ray Wilkins' ability.

At Old Trafford, Atkinson used to call Wilkins "The Crab" because he reckoned Ray played the ball sideways.

Hughes, however, confessed to being a great Wilkins fan.

"His game has improved a lot since he joined AC Milan," said Hughes, adding: "I think Ray is the best player in Italy."

You cannot give any player a bigger compliment than that.

'PUT UP OR SHUT UP'

CRYSTAL PALACE chairman Ron Noades, "advised" by Palace fans to resign, has no intention of doing so.

His message to the Crystal Palace Action Group is... "Put your money up."

Noades says he will step down when the right sort of people decide to invest the right sort of money in the ailing club.

During his chairmanship, Noades had REDUCED Palace's debts to \$2,000,000.

WORLD RESULTS

ITALY

Juventus vs Roma 1:1
Sampdoria v Torino 1:1
AC Milan v Inter 1:1
Napoli v Atlanta 1:0
Lazio v Cremonese 1:1
Verona v Fiorentina 1:1
Ascoli v Como 1:0
Udinese v Avellino 2:0

W. GERMANY

Bielefeld v Eintracht 2:2
Bremen v Duesseldorf 2:1
U'dingen v Mannheim 2:2
Bayern M. v Stuttgart 3:2
Dortmund v Cologne 2:0
Leverkusen v Bochum 1:1
Karlsruhe v M'bach 0:1
Brunswick v Schalke 4:2

FRANCE

Sochaux v Toulon 0:0
Rouen v Lille 0:0
S'bourg v Toulouse 1:0
Laval v Monaco 0:0
Tours v Bordeaux 1:0
Auxerre v Paris SG 2:1
Metz v Brest 2:0
Lens v Nantes 0:1
Marseille v Bastia 5:0
Racing CP v Nancy 1:0

BRAZIL

Vasco v Gremio 1:0
Santos v At Mineiro 2:0

THEY'LL HAVE TO SHOOT HIM!

GARY MABBUTT of Spurs must be one of the toughest characters in football.

Injured in the match against West Brom, Mabbutt tried to carry on, but fell over after taking a few steps.

The injury was later diagnosed as a broken leg!

Mabbutt will be in plaster for four to six weeks and won't play again until May.



A WANTED MAN

PROBABLY the most sought-after player in England is Leicester City striker Gary Leneker.

Just about every wealthy club in England has asked if the player is available.

He will be soon, but he'll cost any buyer \$1,200,000.

Even that figure hasn't dulled Liverpool's interest.



IN BRIEF

WALES, desperately short of cash these days, did not increase their bank balance much from the international against Norway at Wrexham.

The match was drawn 1-1, in front of a crowd of only 4,543.

BRENDAN BATSON, assistant secretary of the Professional Footballers Association, has a yen to get back into soccer more actively as a club manager.

He fancies the managerial position with his old club, Cambridge.

AFTER 109 years, the Welsh Football Association has finally seen the light.

The headquarters will be moved from the North Wales outpost of Wrexham to the biggest city in the country, Cardiff.

MIKE ROBINSON couldn't play for QPR for three weeks after his \$150,000 transfer from Liverpool — because of stomach pains.

He went into hospital, fearing an ulcer or gallstones, but it was discovered the trouble was hyperacidity from too much rich food.

Robinson admits his hobby is eating French food and shellfish and washing it down with white wine!

SPURS ARE NOW JOINT LEADERS

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR have finally got rid of their eternal jinx... by winning a match at Liverpool.

Spurs' 1-0 victory over the English First Division champions at Anfield was their first success on the famous Merseyside ground since the year the Titanic went down... 1912.

The long-awaited win could not have come at a better time.

With leaders Everton able only to pick up one point from a 1-1 draw against Aston Villa, Tottenham's success took the London club to joint leadership of the First Division.

Everton and Spurs are on 57 points but Everton are slightly better off on goal difference.

The Spurs hero at Anfield was Garth Crooks, scorer of the only goal 20 minutes from the end.

A rocket volley by Mike Hazard was parried by goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar but Crooks pounced and put the ball in the Liverpool net.

Everton could count themselves unlucky to have dropped two points at Villa Park.

Everton went into a 1-0 lead just before half-time but Villa scrambled their draw just seven minutes before the final whistle

when skipper Alan Evans equalised with a penalty kick.

The struggle for the championship now looks very much a two-horse race after a weekend which saw title aspirants Manchester United, Southampton, Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and Sheffield Wednesday all squandering points.

In the Second Division, Blackburn bounced back in to promotion contention with a valuable 2-1 win at home to dangerous Birmingham City.

The top five teams in the division are battling for three promotion spots but it looks as if the leaders, Manchester City, are a good bet for a return to First Division.

Aberdeen went a long way towards wrapping up the Scottish Premier League title once again with a magnificent 4-0 win at Dundee.

Nearest challengers Celtic, meanwhile, were surprisingly beaten at home by Hibernian 1-0.

Aberdeen now lead Celtic by eight points, although the Glasgow side still has two matches in hand.

UK soccer results and tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal 2 Leicester 0, Aston Villa 1 Everton 1, Liverpool 0 Tottenham 1, Newcastle v Coventry postponed, Norwich 1 Sunderland 3, Nottingham Forest 1, West Bromwich 2, Queens Park Rangers 3, Ipswich 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1, Luton 1, Southampton 0 Stoke 0, Watford 1, Chelsea 3, West Ham 2 Manchester United 2.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Blackburn 2 Birmingham 1, Brighton 0 Oxford 0, Fulham 0 Charlton 0, Grimsby 2 Portsmouth 3, Leeds 2 Barnsley 0, Manchester City 4 Shrewsbury 0, Middlesbrough 1, Sheffield United 0, Wimbledon 0 Huddersfield postponed, Wolverhampton 0 Oldham 3, Cardiff v Notts County and Crystal Palace v Carlisle to be played.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bournemouth 4 Bolton 0, Brentford v Millwall, Cambridge 2 Orient 3, Doncaster v Plymouth 2, Gillingham 1 Bristol City 3, Lincoln 3 Burnley 1, Plymouth 0 Derby 1, Reading 3 Preston 0, Wigan v Walsall postponed, Swansea v Newport and York v Bradford to be played.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Blackpool 1 Scunthorpe 0, Bury v Aldershot postponed, Chester 1 Exeter 3, Chesterfield 3 Halifax 0, Hereford 2 Hartlepool 1, Port Vale 3 Rochdale 1, Stockport 1 Peterborough 1, Swindon 1, Crewe 1, Torquay v Mansfield postponed, Tranmere 3 Wrexham 1, Colchester 1 Darlington 2.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Celtic 0 Hibernian 1, Dumbarton 1 Morton 0, Dundee 0 Aberdeen 4, Hearts 0 Dundee United 1, St Mirren 2 Rangers 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Ayr 1 East Fife 1, Brechin 2 Hamilton 0, Falkirk 1 Clyde 0, Forfar 0, St Johnstone 1, Meadowbank 2, Kilmarnock 1, Motherwell 1 Clydebank 0, Partick 1 Airdrieonians 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Albion 3 Berwick 2, Alloa 1 Cowdenbeath 1, Arbroath 0 Stirling 1, East Stirling 0, Montrose 0, Queen of South 3 Raith 0, Queens Park 1 Dunfermline 1, Stenhousemuir 2 Stranraer 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	28	17	6	5	61	32	57
Tottenham	29	17	6	6	55	29	57
Man Utd	30	15	8	7	55	35	53
Arsenal	31	15	6	10	50	37	51
Southampton	30	14	8	8	40	33	50
Liverpool	29	13	9	7	40	24	48
Sheffield Wed	29	12	11	6	44	30	47
Notts Forest	29	14	4	11	42	37	46
Chelsea	30	11	10	9	45	36	43
Aston Villa	30	10	10	10	41	44	40
West Bromwich	30	11	6	13	42	44	39
QPR	31	9	11	11	38	50	38
Newcastle	30	9	10	11	43	53	37
Leicester	29	10	6	13	48	51	36
Sunderland	30	9	7	14	35	41	34
West Ham	27	8	9	10	35	41	33
Watford	28	7	10	11	49	54	31
Coventry	29	9	4	16	31	48	31
Luton	27	6	8	13	32	48	26
Ipswich	26	6	7	13	24	38	25
Stoke	29	2	8	19	17	56	14

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	31	18	7	6	51	24	61
Blackburn	31	16	8	7	54	33	56
Portsmouth	31	15	11	5	53	39	56
Oxford	29	15	7	6	53	25	55
Birmingham	30	17	4	9	41	28	55
Leeds	32	14	9	9	52	35	51
Brighton	31	14	8	9	33	23	50
Fulham	31	15	5	11	54	50	50
Grimsby	31	14	6	11	59	49	48
Shrewsbury	30	12	9	9	53	44	45
Huddersfield	30	13	6	11	40	43	45
Barnsley	29	11	11	7	33	27	44
Oldham	32	11	6	15	35	53	39
Wimbledon	29	11	5	13	53	57	38
Carlisle	31	10	6	15	35	49	36
Sheffield Utd	31	8	11	12	45	50	35
Charlton	31	9	8	14	40	46	35
Middlesbrough	32	7	8	17	33	47	29
Crystal Palace	28	6	10	12	31	45	28
Wolves	32	6	8	18	30	57	26
Cardiff	30	6	5	19	35	62	23
Notts County	30	5	6	19	24	56	21

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	32	20	6	6	52	28	66
Hull	33	17	10	6	53	34	61
Gillingham	31	18	5	8	55	43	59
Millwall	30	17	7	6	49	28	58
Bristol City	33	17	6	10	56	38	57
Bristol Rovers	33	15	8	10	46	40	53
Rotherham	32	15	7	10	47	38	52
Bournemouth	35	15	7	13	40	35	52
Reading	30	15	6	9	51	41	51
York	32	15	5	12	54	40	50
Derby	33	14	7	12	49	43	49
Walsall	29	13	9	7	42	32	48
Doncaster	33	13	7	13	54	50	46
Plymouth	32	10	9	13	45	50	39
Lincoln	31	9	11	11	39	35	38
Wigan	31	9	11	11	34	41	38

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	30	9	9	12	36	42	36
Newport	32	8	8	16	45	52	32
Burnley	33	8	7	18	37	59	31
Orient	33	9	4	20	37	74	31
Swansea	32	6	8	18	33	60	26
Cambridge	32	3	7	22	30	66	16

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Darlington	31	19	3	4	57	26	66
Hereford	31	18	7	6	51	27	61
Chesterfield	32	17	10	5	50	29	61
Bury	32	18	7	7	54	34	61
Blackpool	32	18	7	7	46	27	61
Colchester	32	15	9	8	62	48	54
Peterborough	34	15	9	10	45	37	54
Crewe	34	15	7	12	49	47	52
Tranmere	33	16	3	14	57	48	51
Scunthorpe	33	13	10	10	50	42	49
Swindon	34	14	7	13	42	43	49
Port Vale	32	12	11	9	46	39	47
Hartlepool	33	11	10	12	38	43	43
Stockport	31	11	7	13	47	49	40
Mansfield	30	9	11	10	26	23	38
Southend	33	10	8	15	46	53	38
Exeter	32	9	9	14	41	52	36
Exeter	33	10	4	19	27	48	34
Halifax	30	8	7	15	35	49	31
Aldershot	31	7	8	16	37	50	29
Chester	31	7	8	16	33	48	29
Rochdale	32	7	6	19	48	57	27
Wrexham	32	5	11	16	27	47	26
Torquay	32	7	3	22	35	61	24

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	29	21	4	4	68	21	46
Celtic	27	16	6	5	56	23	38
Dundee United	28	15	11	3	47	25	36
Rangers	29	11	11	7	37	28	33
St Mirren	29	13	4	12	34	43	30
Hearts	28	12	4	12	37	42	28
Dundee	28	10	6	12	37	41	26
Hibernian	29	7	5	17	30	48	19
Dumbarton	28	6	7	15	28	47	19
Morton	29	4	1	24	22	79	9

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clydebank	31	14	11	6	42	28	39
Airdrie	29	16	6	7	55	33	38
Motherwell	30	15	7	8	47	32	38
Falkirk	31	15	5	11	55	50	35
Brechin	30	14	5	11	42	41	33
Forfar	30	11	10	9	45	40	32
Clyde	31	11	10	10	38	37	32
Hamilton	31	12	8	11	36	39	32
East Fife	31	10	11	10	47	41	31
Ayr	30	9	8	13	37	41	26
Partick	31	9	7	15	39	46	25
Kilmarnock	31	7	9	15	30	52	23
St Johnstone	31	9	4	18	43	59	22
Meadowbank	31	6	10	15	36	53	22

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa	31	18	8	5	51	27	44
Montrose	31	18	6	7	48	34	42
Dunfermline	29	13	10	6	48	31	36
Stenhousemuir	29	12	10	7	33	33	34



OLYMPIC AIRWAYS NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

NSL CUP — ROUND 2

**INTER MONARO v
CANBERRA CITY**

Tuesday March 19
7.30pm — Seiffert Oval

**ADELAIDE CROATIA v
WEST ADELAIDE**

Wednesday March 20
8pm — Hindmarsh Stadium

**BRISBANE CITY v
BRISBANE LIONS**

Tuesday March 19
7.30pm — Perry Park

**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UTD v
WOLLONGONG CITY**

Wednesday March 20
6.30pm — Adamstown Oval

**SYDNEY CITY v
GREEN GULLY**

Wednesday March 20
6.30pm — St George Stadium
(Double-header)

**MELBOURNE CROATIA v
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS**

Wednesday March 20
6.30pm — Olympic Park
(Double-header)

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC v
APIA LEICHHARDT**

Wednesday March 20
8.30pm — St George Stadium
(Double-header)

**HEIDELBERG UTD v
PRESTON**

Wednesday March 20
8.30pm — Olympic Park
(Double-header)

NORTHERN DIVISION — ROUND 3

**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UTD v
SYDNEY CROATIA**

Saturday March 23
7pm — Adamstown Oval

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC v
CANBERRA CITY**

Sunday March 24
3pm — St George Stadium

**SYDNEY CITY v
WOLLONGONG CITY**

Saturday March 23
2pm — Wentworth Park

**PENRITH CITY v
BLACKTOWN CITY**

Sunday March 24
3pm — Cook Park

**MARCONI v
ST GEORGE**

Sunday March 24
3pm — Marconi Stadium

**INTER MONARO v
APIA LEICHHARDT**

Sunday March 24
3pm — Seiffert Oval